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LONDON, Jan. 3 (REUTER).—AUSTRALIAN TROOPS AT DAWN PENETRATED ONE SECTOR OF THE BARDIA DEFENCES SAYS A CAIRO COMMUNIQUE. THIS MAY ONLY HAVE BEEN A RAID BUT IT RATHER LOOKS AS IF IT IS THE FIRST MAJOR ATTACK.

ITALIAN FLIGHT CONTINUES

Albanians Raid Tirana

LONDON, Jan. 3 (REUTER).—Latest reports from Albania indicate that the Italians are still being pushed back and are being harried more and more by Albanian irregulars in their rear.

TRIPOLI BOMBED BY R. A. F. Middle East Raids

CAIRO, Jan. 3 (REUTER).—Two heavy raids on shipping in Tripoli harbour were carried out by the Royal Air Force during Wednesday night, says a communique.

During the first attack bombs straddled the south-east mole and five cruisers moored there, other bombs hitting the Customs jetty and one ship and starting several fires near seaplane hangars.

Explosions and fresh fires followed and a seaplane hangar started burning.

During the second raid, direct hits were registered on the Customs jetty, causing fires and three explosions, probably on ships moored alongside. Two large motor vessels were hit, clouds of heavy smoke resulting.

Fires Visible For 60 Miles

The fires were visible for over 60 miles.

Bardia was again subjected to a series of raids on the same night, large fires being started among the stores and buildings.

Two further raids were made on Thursday, mainly on a motor transport concentration and encampment west of the town, causing considerable damage, the extent of which was confirmed by photographs.

Numerous reconnaissance flights were carried out in Italian East Africa, but there is nothing outstanding to report.

From all these operations, all British aircraft returned safely.

Queen Elizabeth Recrosses Atlantic

LONDON, Jan. 3 (REUTER).—It is authoritatively stated that the liner Queen Elizabeth has successfully recrossed the Atlantic from New York to Cape Town en route for an undisclosed destination.

During her voyage, the Queen Elizabeth did not sight enemy craft of any kind.

Hopkins For London To Represent Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (REUTER).—President Roosevelt disclosed today that he is shortly sending to Britain Mr. Harry Hopkins, former Secretary of Commerce, as his personal representative until a new ambassador is appointed to succeed Mr. Joseph Kennedy.

President Roosevelt added that Mr. Hopkins would have no official status and no duties outside Britain, his duties being to maintain personal contacts with the British Government.

The President said that he expected to nominate a new ambassador to the Senate next week.

The success of these first operations will determine whether or not the major attack develops on a full scale at once.

The Australians were assisted by tanks and Cairo reports that the operations are continuing.

Bardia is not just a port; it is a supply base and was the headquarters for the Italian army when it was in Egypt.

It is reported that some 20,000 Italians are still in the city.

Strong Defences ("REUTER" OUTSIDE BARDIA)

Jan. 3.—The outer defences of Bardia are very extensive stretching from Waddi Rahib, a coastal point about five miles north of Bardia, in a semi-circle reaching about four miles inland and meeting the coast again at Waddi Maatred, some four miles south of Bardia.

This outer ring comprising about forty posts, is supplemented by further lines within the perimeter. Each defended post is manned by thirty to forty soldiers and is linked to the next post by barbed wire entanglements. In addition, a tank trench 10 feet wide and about ten feet deep, runs round the greater portion of the defences.

Italian Communique

LONDON, Jan. 3 (REUTER).—British mechanised units and British naval units were shelled by Italian artillery in the Cireneika frontier zone, says today's Italian High Command communique.

Repeated bombing of advance enemy bases and enemy ships near the coast is also mentioned, while it is claimed that a British cruiser was hit.

The communique adds that other Italian aircraft bombed and machine-gunned British mechanised forces on the Bardia front and in the desert and states that all Italian aircraft returned.

On the Greek front, local attacks on the coastal sector were repulsed, and the communique says that a "bold raid by Italian troops" put the enemy to flight and resulted in the capture of prisoners.

El Bassan is stated to have been bombed by enemy aircraft.

The communique says that there is nothing to report from East Africa.

Sudan Front Activity

REUTERS' SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN THE SUDAN

KHARTOUM, Jan. 3 (REUTER).—Once again after over 40 years, the military railway built by Lord Kitchener for the reconquest of the Sudan, is choked with war material.

Sons and grandsons of both British Officers and British chiefs who fought as mortal foes in 1897 are fighting now, though this time they are ranged side by side along a wild straggling 1,200-mile front from the Red Sea to the shores of Lake Rudolf.

So many languages are spoken among this great imperial army assembled in the bush country that it is becoming known as the "Land of Babel".

Arabs, Ethiopians, South Africans, Rhodesians, Sudanese, Somalis, TURNO to Page 5, Column Four

DUBLIN PROTEST

Eire Roused By Bombings

DUBLIN, Jan. 3 (REUTER).—The Eire Department of External Affairs says: "Fragments of explosive and incendiary bombs dropped at Curragh, Jullantown, Muleek and Borris have been examined and found to be of German origin."

The Charge d'Affaires in Berlin has been instructed to make an energetic protest to the German Government against violation of Irish territory by German aircraft and the loss of life and destruction of property which resulted from the bomb explosions and fire.

He was further instructed to claim full reparation and insist that effective steps be taken to avoid a recurrence of such happenings. Investigation into the origin of the bombs dropped at other places is proceeding.

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It might do Hitler a lot of good if he could see these two pictures. They illustrate Britain's preparedness against any invasion attempt, showing an East Anglian field regiment standing by at action stations, awaiting the order to fire, and a mighty mile of the M.G.'s of Britain's forces ready—any anxious—to renew acquaintance with the Boches they trounced in Belgium.



Entertainment Tax To Be Increased

Official Announcement

The field of "entertainment" is invaded to cull taxes to meet war expenditure in the Colony by an amending Ordinance published in the "Government Gazette" this morning.

The minimum entrance fee on which tax is chargeable is lowered from 20 cents to four cents and it is announced that the duties on all other admission fees will be increased. The amount of the increase is not given because this will be decided in Legislative Council later when the Hon. Financial Secretary makes known his requirements.

The amendment published to-day clears the ground for such action. It is explained that "as the War Expenditure of the Colony recently undertaken or contemplated exceeds the estimate of revenue from the War Taxation Ordinance, the question of introducing a Resolution into the Legislative Council providing for an increase in the above rates has had to be considered."

Present Rates

The rates at present in force (Since 1930) are as follows:—
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exceeds \$4 and does not exceed \$5	50 cents
exceeds \$5	50 cents for the first \$5 and 20 cents for each additional \$5 or part thereof.

EXCHANGE FUND

Buoyant Position

The position of the Exchange Fund on June 30 last shows that the total assets amounted to \$12,597,727, of which 71.80 per cent. was held in gilt edged sterling securities, 28.10 per cent. on deposit in London at call or short notice and 0.10 per cent. in silver.

The Certificates of Indebtedness outstanding amounted to \$17,031,630, which is equivalent to \$11,094,477 at 64.6 per cent. of the market rate on that day.

During the six months ended on that day, the Fund purchased a further small quantity of silver subsidiary coins to be refined and marketed. No sales of silver were effected, and the Fund operated in the local exchange market as found necessary.

BLOCKADE LEAKAGE

Russia Supplying Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 3 (UP).—Mr. Hugh Dalton, the Minister of Economic Warfare, said to-day that an increasing amount of United States cotton is entering Vladivostok. He expressed concern at this apparent "leak" in the blockade of Germany, inasmuch as Russia imports more than Russian requirements.

Mr. Dalton said that scrap rubber and other products from the United States were also entering Vladivostok, transported by United States and Panamanian ships. The shipments to Vladivostok diminished a few months ago, but are now resuming serious proportions.

Touts To Be Barred

Putting End To Ticket Selling Racket

An explanation couched in strong language is published to-day with a draft of a Bill to amend the Place of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, in the "Government Gazette."

The amendment forbids anybody to sell, or offer or exhibit or possess for sale, or solicit the purchase of any ticket or voucher to any licensed dutiable entertainment anywhere except at the box-office, and then only at the official price. The penalty for infringement is \$250.

Under "Objects and Reasons" it is stated: "The object of the proposed new section... is to put an end to a ticket-selling racket which has grown into an intolerable nuisance."

Gangs of Touts

"Briefly, the trouble is that touts, acting for individuals or gangs who have bought quantities of tickets in advance, stand about in the streets adjoining and the entrance halls of and approaches to, cinemas, theatres and sports grounds, sometimes even obstructing the entrances, box-offices or turnstiles, importuning would-be entrants to buy their tickets from them, and often representing that all other seats are fully booked."

"Not only have complaints against this nuisance been received from entertainment organisers and the public, but there is cause to believe that the operations of gangs or roughs, interested in the sale of their own pieces of these tickets, have resulted in several assaults on members of the public and even in a street murder outside a theatre."

Cardiff Puts Out Its Fires: Vicious Raid

Special to the "Telegraph"

CARDIFF, Jan. 3 (UP).—All the big fires which were started in last night's raid were extinguished this morning and public services are proceeding fairly smoothly.

There was an extensive fire in a printing works.

LATEST

Kunming Bombed

KUNMING, Jan. 3 (UP).—Twelve Japanese bombers bombed the south-east part of Kunming at 1.50 p.m. on January 2, amidst heavy ground firing. Turning over Kunming, they dropped "new year cards." They crossed the lake and bombed the Weas Mountain.

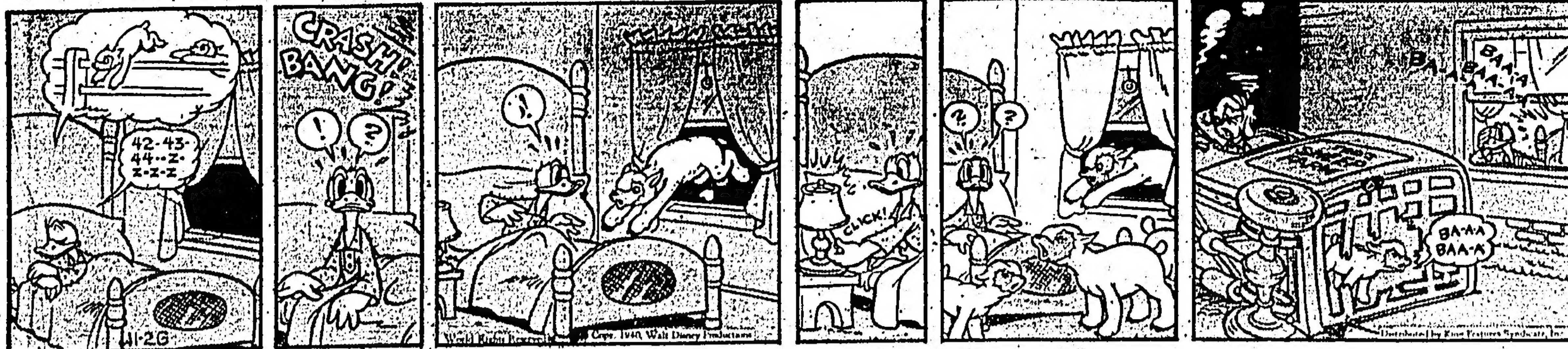
Thunderbolt Is The Thetis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 3 (UP).—The submarine Thunderbolt, which the Admiralty announced had sunk an Italian submarine, was formerly the Thetis, which met disaster in Liverpool bay June 1, 1939 during her trial trips.

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Further Late News

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CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

The outstanding event this week was the forceful and clear statement of policy made by President Roosevelt. It left no room for doubt in the minds of the Axis partners that the people of the United States, as far as lay in their power, were determined to aid Britain in order to bring about the defeat of Germany and Italy. Just as Britain has always been regarded as the guarantor of liberal institutions in Europe, (although through the centuries she herself has been immune from attack because of the surrounding sea) so now President Roosevelt links up his own people with that policy.

There can be no talk of peace, because there can be no compromise in this matter. Nations that have been free and independent must remain free and independent. It is unthinkable that countries in which tolerance and freedom reigned should become enslaved by those who have proved by their actions that their way of life and thought are contrary to those ideals for which civilisation has stood. The concentration camp and the Gestapo are not isolated and temporary phenomena, they are symptoms of a diseased state of mind, with which democracy cannot and will not come to terms.

That is why President Roosevelt says emphatically that appeasement is out of the question, and having said so, he naturally takes the necessary steps to ensure the destruction of these pernicious systems which threaten in all parts of the world the citadels of liberty, good order, justice and the significance of the individual. Even if the United States, with its wide stretches of ocean on both sides of the continent, were able to maintain peace within her own borders, she could not possibly enjoy peace of mind, since her tradition of social order which is derived from and is an intensified form of that freedom prevailing in Britain, could not survive. Their conviction in its worth would be challenged and undermined by that minority which is weak at present but which would soon be strengthened by the failure of the democratic system in Europe.

The political education of America is proceeding apace

along these lines and President Roosevelt's speech marks the stage which has now been reached. It is no longer a sentimental interest which America takes in the fate of the British Empire. There is a realisation that the grim struggle in Europe is a drama in which her own future is heavily involved.

AXIS TROOPS
MOVEMENTS

The influx of German troops into Rumania is interpreted in a variety of ways, and probably that is the purpose of these manoeuvres. Action for action's sake is a slogan in Germany, which since the advent of the Nazis to power has suffered from a sort of St. Vitus' dance.

First the troops are concentrated in the Channel ports ready for an invasion of England; then there is the threat to go through France and Spain; now they are drafted to Rumania, with the object of marching through Bulgaria, or Yugo-Slavia into Greece. Other divisions are said to be in Italy to stiffen the failing morale of his epileptic partner; and so allies are kept on tenterhooks wondering where, when and how the blow will fall.

If, however, these movements keep the allies guessing, they also indicate that Hitler himself is at a loss what to do, now that the situation has crystallised. Bulgaria and Yugo-Slavia are no longer amenable to Axis pressure. Even Marshal Petain is showing signs of the old spirit: "They shall not pass," and all this follows from the courageous efforts put forward by the Greeks in stemming and turning the tide of the Italian invasion. The collapse of Italy, too, in the Mediterranean emphasises President Roosevelt's considered statement that Hitler is not going to win this war.

JAPAN'S DESIRE

Japan's desire to do something for Germany in the Far East is tempered by the fear that she may be doing something at the same time very damaging to her own interests, especially in view of President Roosevelt's interpretation of the meaning of the tripartite pact and of his statement that the American fleet will remain in the Pacific. The German troops on the Russian border in Europe may lessen the pressure of Russia on the Eastern border for Japan, but this can do nothing to relieve the naval pressure in the Pacific.

The danger of the present situation lies in the fact that just as Japan thinks that the

victory of the Axis is essential to the security of her empire, so to the same extent does America think that the defeat of the Axis is necessary for her peace of mind. These partisans at the ring-side may enter the ring and take part in the fight. At the present moment Japan is weighing up the risks and the costs.

KING OF ITALY'S
GREETING

The New Year greeting of King Victor Emmanuel either means that he is not in agreement with Mussolini's policy or that he is currying favour with President Roosevelt in order that he might intercede with the Allies for favourable terms when the final reckoning comes. What the Fascist party does not see, but what King Victor Emmanuel does see, is that Italy under no circumstances can retain her overseas Empire—now that she has abandoned all hope of controlling the Mediterranean—except with the goodwill of Britain. That has to be regained and the Prime Minister has clearly indicated how it can be done.

It is not exceptional for the head of one state to send greetings to the head of another, but it is not usual to do so when one of them has just denounced the other's form of government and has declared to the world his intention of sending all possible aid to its enemy, in order to bring about its destruction. It suggests that there is now an open cleavage between Mussolini and King Victor Emmanuel.

STALIN AND
RUSSIA

Judging from Stalin's address to his people at New Year, it would seem that Russia is extremely anxious about the future. She sees everyone of her strategic moves during the past year countered and neutralised by Germany with whom she has a pact.

Her incursion into Finland was followed by the occupation of Denmark and Norway, her seizure of the Bukovina and Bessarabia led to the occupation of Rumania and Hungary. Russia's policy of detachment from the European struggle was dictated by the hope that Germany would exhaust herself in the war and would be in no position to threaten her. Stalin thought that he was contributing to Germany's weakness and adding to his own strength but it has not turned out that way. He now sees that Hitler's appetite grows with what it feeds upon, and that the wheat lands of the Ukraine, and the oil wells at Baku are within the German purview of conquest, both being necessary to a self-contained Reich.

No wonder Stalin is gravely anxious about the year 1941. He now realises that the Fuehrer uses pacts to advance his own interests and discards them when those interests are served. Russia's advances therefore have merely brought her into closer contact with her powerful and traditional enemy—Hitler, who it must be admitted, has never concealed his contempt for Stalin and all his works.

If therefore Stalin in his New Year message warns the people to be ready because of the serious menace confronting them, it can be Germany against whom he is directing his thoughts.



"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

BEHIND THE
HEADLINES

By John Blunt

There is every logical reason to believe that the start of 1941 is almost incomprehensible that the Japanese find Great Britain in a very aneas should still—although much more satisfactory position than at the corresponding period in 1940.

Last year, Germany, at this time, was boasting that by the Spring, she would have an army of 6,000,000—ready for anything. That army, apart from the 1940 continental blitzkrieg—remains inactive. Hitler has now abjured it to be ready to defend itself against attack from the rest of the world.

Goering's 1940 New Year's message bragged that the German Air Force was then "prepared for an encounter such as the world has never known." Apart from the indiscriminate bombing and the wicked destruction of priceless architecture, that air force has done practically nothing which might be supposed to aid a German victory.

Speaking from London, in January of last year, Viscount Kano, manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, asserted that the Sino-Japanese conflict would end in a month in a magnanimous peace.

A year has passed, and neither the predictions of the Germans or the Japanese have been fulfilled. Indeed, there is now no likelihood of the boasts of Germany, Japan or Italy being fulfilled; for as each day passes, the tremendous power rising against them increases from strength to strength.

It is particularly significant that both Germany and Italy each look in their predicament to Japan to aid them, but neither looks to the other. Whether Germany will pour her troops into Italy remains to be seen, but Italy remains to be seen, but the task will be even more impossible.

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TO-MORROW at the
KING'SHow Newlyweds Can
Keep Secret, Secret

CHARLESTON, S. C. (UP).—Miss Daisy M. Thompson, who works at the Francis Marion hotel, has some advice for honeymooning couples, especially men who make a vain effort to disguise the newness of their status.

After a four-year study of the public behaviour of honeymooners, she is convinced that the newlyweds attempt to pass as veteran married people.

Without exception, they fail in that attempt, she says, and offers the following advice to them (or rather to the men): If they want to avoid the notice usually given to newlyweds, they should follow these rules:

1. Put on some old clothes so you'll look as though neither you nor your wife are new.
2. Plaster your new baggage with old college stickers, or tell the bellman to take the luggage through the back entrance.
3. When you go to the hotel desk to register, either take her with you or gently push her down in a chair in the lobby. But if you take her to the desk, contradict everything she usually says.
4. Don't be polite to her when you reach the elevator. Just put your hand in the small of her back and sort of shove her in.
5. Adopt an expression depicting that the whole thing is just another pain in the neck to you.

REVIEW OF JUNIOR SOCCER DIVISIONS

Royal Engineers Only Undeclared Team In All Sections

(By "SCRAMBLER")

SO MUCH has been written about the premier division of the Football League that a revision of the junior teams at this stage is not amiss. To say that there are several teams in the Junior Division worthy of senior football is only putting it mildly, for after witnessing several of the First Division games lately, I have come to the conclusion that to see two teams such as either the R.A.S.C., South China, Sing Tao or the Sappers in action would be the equivalent of watching a good senior game.

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

That members in these divisions have been called upon to do duty in representative matches speaks volumes for their prowess. Such men have been selected from various teams, and have acquitted themselves well.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

The following are the football fixtures for the week-end:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v. Eastern (Kowloon), 4 p.m.
South China v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.
Police v. St. Joseph's (Boundary St.), 4 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

Kowloon v. 20th R.A. (Kowloon), 2.30 p.m.
South China v. R.A.O.C. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.
R.A.S.C. v. Navy (Military, H.V.), 2.30 p.m.
Sing Tao v. Middlesex (St. Joseph's), 2.30 p.m.
Club v. Kit Chee (St. Joseph's), 4 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

R. Engineers v. International (Military, H.V.), 4 p.m.
Signals v. 20th R.A. (Boundary St.), 2.30 p.m.
R.A.S.C. v. Medicals (Chatham Rd.), 4 p.m.
24th R.A. v. 20th R.A. (Chatham Rd.), 2.30 p.m.
33th R.A. v. 12th R.A. (Stanley), 2.30 p.m.

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION

Kwong Wah v. R. Scots (Boundary St.), 4 p.m.
Navy v. Sing Tao (Navy), 4 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v. R. Engineers (Boundary St.), 2.30 p.m.
R. Scots v. Police (Sookunpoo), 4 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

7th R.A. v. Shell (Navy), 2.30 p.m.
A.S.A. v. R.A. (Sookunpoo), 2.30 p.m.

any will never be recognised by the British authorities after the war, and a reputation made in Germany would not be valued by the racing world.

R.A.S.C. Improving

WITH new arrivals, R.A.S.C. have been very much strengthened, and they should be able to come further up in the table. Here again, a well-balanced team is the key note, though they have several individual players worthy of first class football. Munton and Martin being only two of them. Moore is fast making a name for himself in goal.

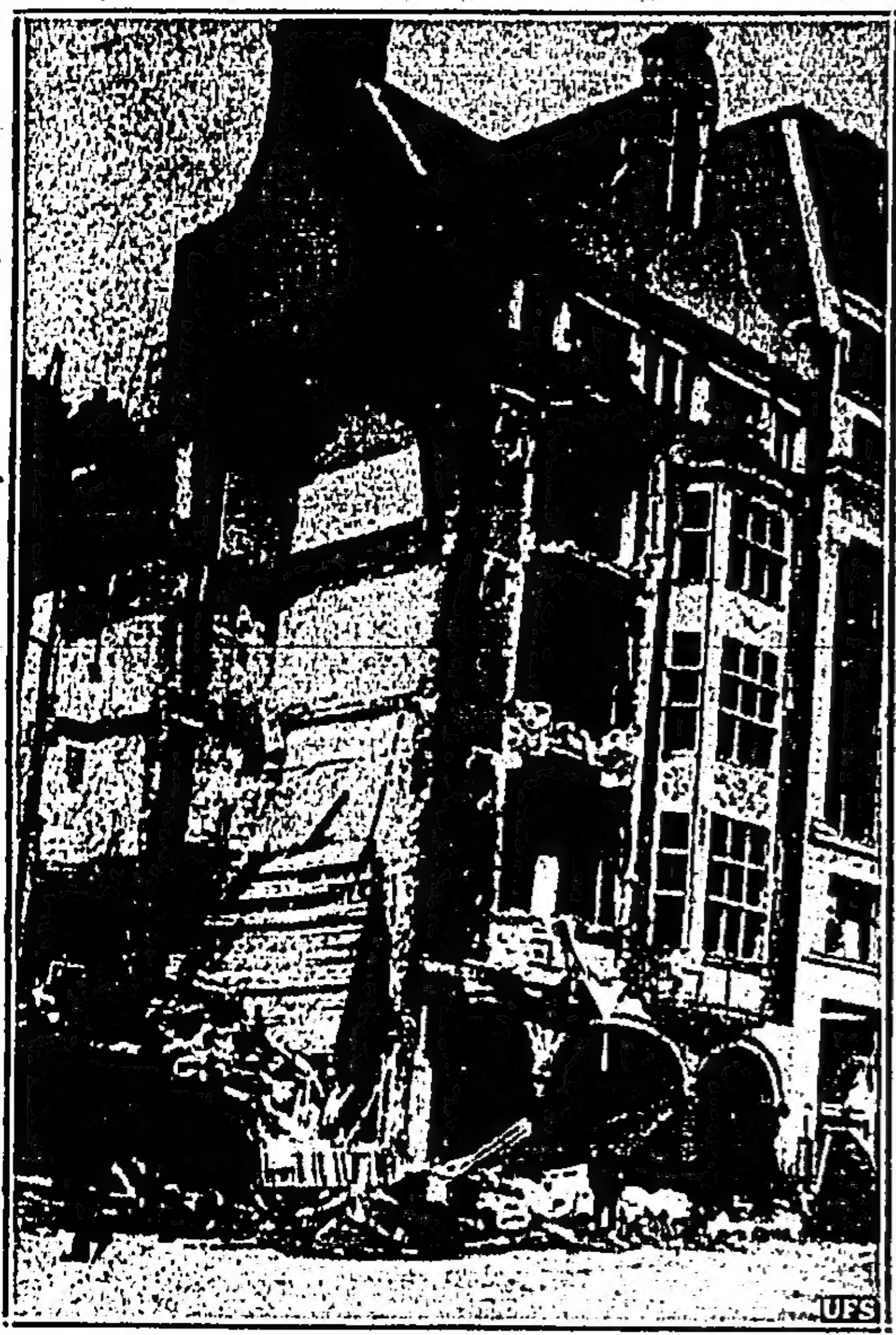
Sing Tao with many first division players in their side should have done better to date. The reason can be found in their playing always with an irregular team. Mak Shu-hen and Leung In-chun, both late of South China, are a pair of formidable backs. They have also a sound half back trio but their strength is in the forward line, where Tam Shing-kham is a powerful leader aided by Au She-ngok. Other teams of note in this division are the Middlesex, who have as their chief assets Davies, McEneaney and Matthews. Navy, too, are quite an unreliable team, being mostly individualistic. In Warnes and Birrell they have two good men in defence, and in the front line, Wilkinson, Stewart and O'Regan are good.

The rest of this league are only mediocre, with perhaps Royal Scots commanding some respect. It would be interesting to see whether Kowloon can overhaul Club in the cellar position.

Third Division

IN the Third Division, several teams started off in a whirlwind fashion, only to fizzle out towards the end of the first half of the season. In this respect International are the chief offenders, for after having maintained a high position went down without fighting for the rest of the year. They have several good individual players and amongst them are H. Campos, who represented Portugal in the International Cup, R. Rocha, and V. M. Marques, also of International fame.

It is to the Airman that the League will, I believe, eventually go, for to date, they are well ahead of their nearest rivals, the Signals. In Edmunds, they have a very good back, and their defence is sound. Ho Kar-kung is an able leader. It is interesting to note that Edmunds has represented the Rest in several representative games, and his form has stamped him as being a defender of first-class calibre. For Third Division honours, Signals must also be considered, for with new arrivals they are a force to be considered with. Parry and Spinks are capable defenders, and Blount, a newcomer, is also of note. The Rest of the league are chiefly composed of Military teams from the Battery, and the 33th is about the



NO GAMES TODAY — Famous Thurston's Billiard Hall at Leicester Square, London, ruined by some of Hitler's airmen. Square has suffered repeated damage from air bombs in recent raids. Picture passed by British censor.

Germans Annex Racehorses In Occupied France

LONDON, Dec. 2.—As was expected, the Germans are sorting out the horses found in the occupied parts of France and sending the best of them to Germany. They will, no doubt, include some of the horses that have beaten all the German opposition in the biggest races of the Reich.

Nearly all the leading French studs are situated in Normandy, which is in the occupied territory. When invasion threatened many of the horses in training were removed to the south, but it was not found possible to do this with most of the mares, stallions and yearlings at the studs, though some of the more valuable stallions were removed. Stable employees were sworn not to let the Germans know the identity of those remaining, though it is doubtful whether the knowledge can be kept from them long. Whatever happens, however, the horses are not likely to be a great asset to the Germans, for their pro-



BASEBALL ALIENS—Alien registration law hits baseball. Joe Kraskauskas, Canada; Rene Montenegro, Cuba; and Alex Carasquol, Venezuela, of the Washington Senators, register in Washington with Earl G. Harrison of Department of Justice.

Migration To America Causes Concern Among British Racing Owners

LONDON, Dec. (Reuter).—Derby winner for America continues to be one of the chief topics among English racing men. Mahmood was the latest to go, and now it is said that yet another will be following him. Negotiations between breeders and the agents for the English owner are going on.

Owners, who, like the Aga Khan, have invested huge sums of money in owning and breeding cannot be blamed if they relieve themselves of some of this burden, but it is much more inspiring to hear the statements of owners like Lord Derby that they will keep their important stallions in England.

It may even be that the time for Government action has come.

Government Action

ALL industries come under Government control in some form or another in war-time, and horse racing and breeding is a big industry, with much capital sunk in it and giving work to thousands of people.

One of the drawbacks to Government action at the moment is that there is no unanimity of opinion on the desirability of keeping racing going. Opponents of racing would be glad to see more horses going to America, on the grounds that they would not then be consuming feeding stuffs in England, or breeding when a decrease in the number of horses is desirable.

Still Thousands

THERE are still thousands of horses in training in England, but there is, nevertheless, the danger of the supply of really first-class material drying up. When the war ends British owners and breeders want to take up their traditional place.

The English Derby remains the best known race in the world, and the winning of it is premier honour. Now Americans will be keen to have ever on an all-American victory in this event.

Mr. Pierre Lorillard's Ironclads won in 1881 and Mr. Duryea's Durbur II in 1914, but they never ran in England and were trained one in England and the other in France.

"Naturalised" IT will still not be accurate to talk of an all-American victory if the offspring of the Derby winners that have crossed the Atlantic come over to England and win the race themselves. But they will become "naturalised Americans" and in time the "distinctly British strain" will be lost.

One interesting point is that some of the progeny of the Derby winners may be half-breds according to the English stud book.

best, closely followed by 24th, last year's Champion.

This Week's Games

A MEDIOCRE programme is down for decision this week-end, and the tilt of the day will be the game between the Navy and Sing Tao on Sunday at Causeway Bay. With the Chinese playing as well as ever, the sailors must improve to give any opposition, but I am of the opinion that they will not be able to change the standings of the league table.

Eastern and South China should be able to obtain full points from Kowloon and Middlesex respectively, although the soldiers should give a good account of themselves, while the Police—St. Joseph's clash should produce robust football, with the odds in favour of the Policemen.

Kwong Wah should at least share the spoils with the Royal Scots tomorrow at Boundary Street if they play the open type of football instead of short-passing, as evidenced last week in their match against Sing Tao.

Canadian Sportsmen Serving The Colours

OTTAWA, Dec. (Reuter).—Canadian sportsmen, like those in other parts of the British Empire, have responded gallantly to the call to the colours.

Perhaps two of the best known, now both serving overseas, are Ross "Sandy" Somerville, six times Canadian Amateur Golf Champion and winner of the American Amateur title in 1932, and Johnny Leaning, the Olympic and Empire Games runner.

Another Olympic athlete is Cliff Bricker, and among the lawn tennis players is Willard "Bill" Creeker, many times Canadian singles champion.

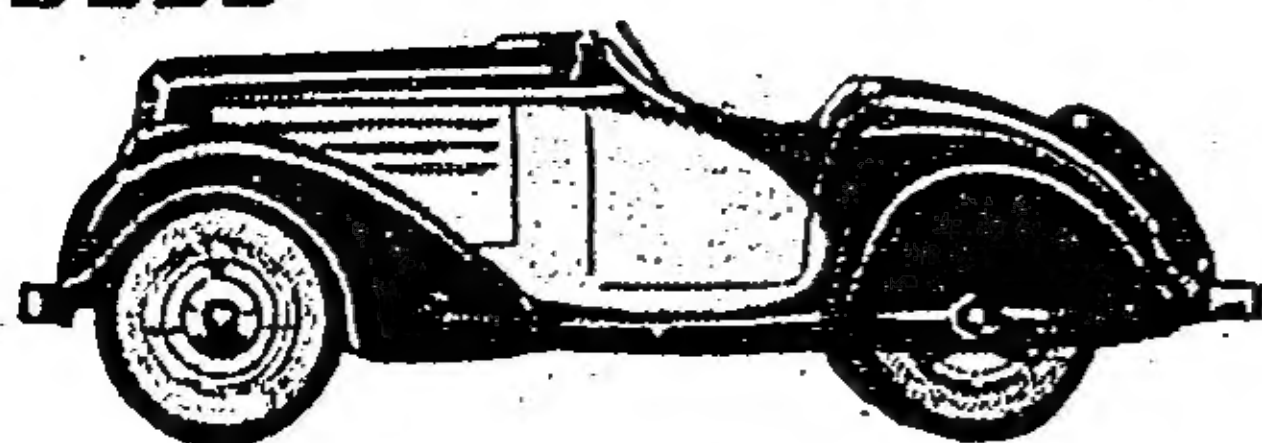
Prominent Boxers

AMONG the more prominent boxers who have joined up are Orville Drouillard (Windsor, Ontario), Billy Townsend (Vancouver), Tommy Bland (Toronto) and Bobby Leitham (Montreal), all former professional champions at their respective weights.

Ross Galloway, a former amateur champion, is in the Royal Canadian Navy, and a boxer who was favourite a decade ago, Soldier Jones (Toronto), is in the Medical Corps. The first Canadian athlete reported to have given his life for his country is Flying Officer Richard Ball, of Montreal, who was in the R.A.F. He died in a German prison camp.

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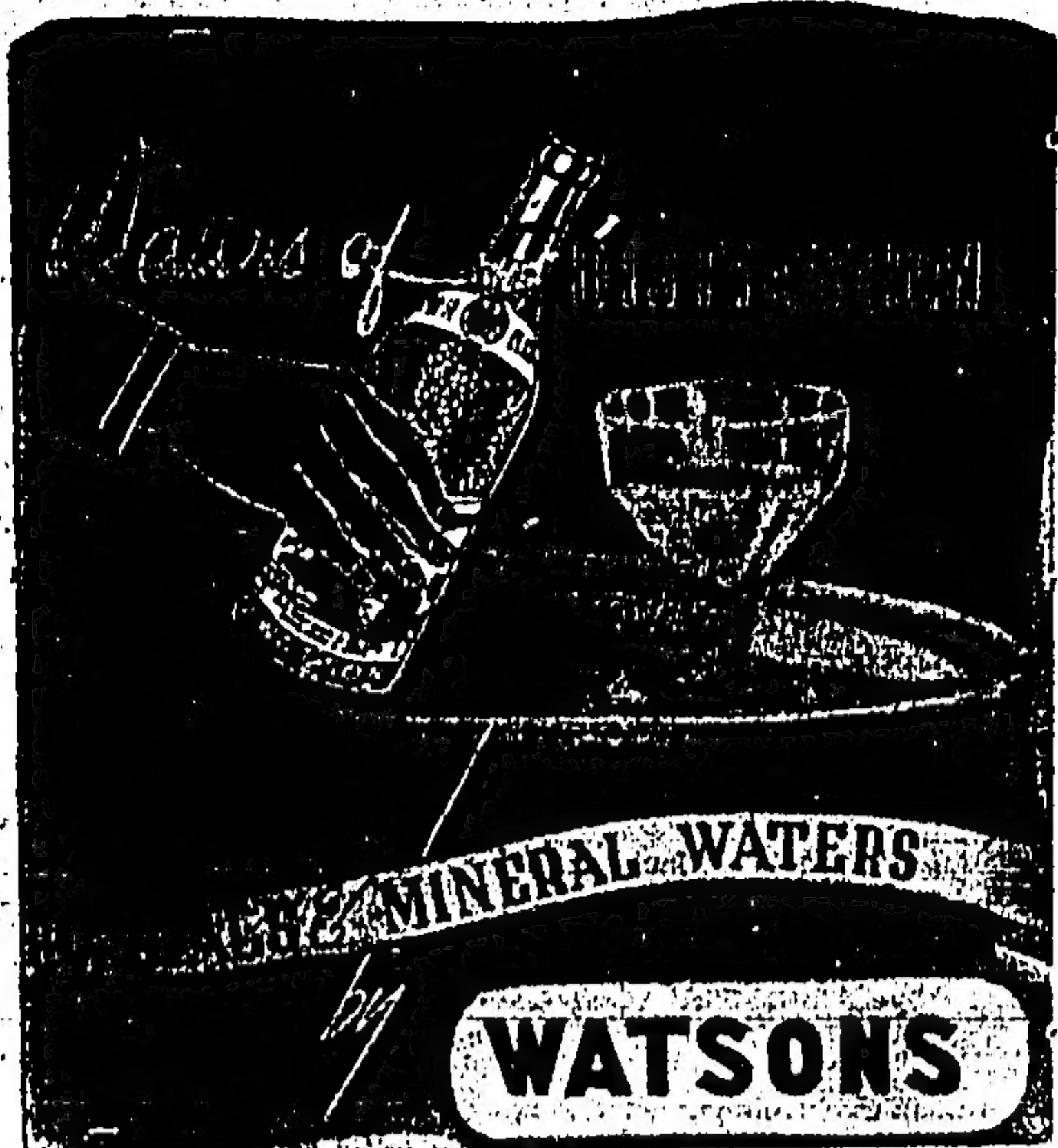
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DEATH

STOKES—At the Matilda Hospital on January 3, 1941, Walter James Stokes, aged 78 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph

Saturday, January 4, 1941.
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HITLER'S DILEMMA

HITLER appears to be indulging in another change of strategy—probably more enforced than voluntary. Since his partner Mussolini has suffered reverse after reverse in the Greece campaign and a shocking setback in the Middle East, Hitler is bound to regard the position of the Axis in the Mediterranean with profound misgiving. In fact, it has become imperative for him to make some big effort to resuscitate his cause in this theatre of the war. Hence the decision to afford Italy the assistance of part of his air force, with the simultaneous withdrawal of Italian machines from the west in order to make the effort as concentrated and powerful as possible.

The Axis has three tremendous problems to face: how to stage an invasion of Britain; how to gain redress in the Mediterranean; and how to bring gallant little Greece to her knees. Germany is undeniably powerful, but it is inconceivable that she believes herself, even with the assistance of Italy, capable of tackling these three issues simultaneously. Unless the transfer of German planes to Italy and the concentration of troops in the Balkans is a ploy, it would seem that Hitler has decided once again to turn his attention from that all-engrossing, but formidable proposition of invading Britain.

The signs are that the Nazi dictator is far from happy about his position at the moment. The conquest of France promised him unexpected and boundless possibilities; he found himself in a position to believe in a complete victory within a period that previously had been beyond his wildest imagination. Then came the extraordinary work of the Royal Air Force to thwart him; later the fiasco of the Italian expedition to Greece; still later a growing hostility and opposition from men in France whom he thought had had completely under his control; then the brilliant British campaign in Egypt which, almost overnight, destroyed the Axis dream of triumph in the Middle East.

Hitler is still in a position which allows him to take the initiative; but he has no longer a single purpose; neither is his dilemma a self-imposed one. He is not likely to stake all on a successful Mediterranean offensive; on the other hand he cannot, under any circumstances, afford to sustain defeat in this theatre, for then would his hopes of an occupation of Britain be completely obliterated.

ROBERT NEVILLE, Foreign Editor of the famous New York paper "PM," who is now in Hongkong, has written the accompanying article specially for the "Telegraph." It reveals in vivid phrases the real attitude of the United States towards the war.

ON my recent visit to Chungking I discovered that Dr. Hollington Tong, chief glad-hander of Free China, was assigned by the Generalissimo to welcome to the Chinese capital two classes of visitors: foreign missionaries and foreign journalists. At first I was inclined to think this an odd combination, something like oil and water, but later on I came to accept it as the most natural thing in the world that Dr Tong should invite both newspapermen and missionaries to his excellent breakfasts of waffles and sausages, or that in arranging interview with Cabinet ministers, Kuomintang officials and important generals he should send both a reporter and a clergyman over for joint question-asking.

All in all, I came to regard Dr Tong, a fellow alumnus of Columbia University, as something of a pioneer in recognising the very special relationship between the professions of writing for newspapers and spreading the gospel. I cannot speak for the missionaries, but I can say that there is not a good journalist under the sun who would not like to have a pulpit from which he could periodically set people right on questions which, to him, are terribly important.

This all too frequently suppressed longing explains, indeed, why, when the editor of the "Telegraph" recklessly offered to print anything (within reason) that I would write, I hastily accepted. It also explains why I quickly decided not to write about the rice situation in Szechwan (which is bad) or whether Manuel Quezon wants independence (which he doesn't), but instead decided to do some badly needed missionary work in explaining, of all things, America and the war.

I feel deeply that neither Mr Roosevelt nor Mr Hull has been quite clear or sufficiently indiscreet in defining American policy toward the conflicts now raging practically all the way from Yap to Ulster. I think I can clear up a few points.

ONE must remember that for years we Americans have viewed with alarm the tendency of our diplomats abroad to go European. Send a middle-westerner to Berlin, for instance, and before long he will be writing a capital "S" to look like a swastika. Give a southerner a post in Paris and he will soon acquire the habit of sitting in open-air cafes, drinking champagne and sporting Legion of Honour decorations in his lapel. Let a corn-fed Missourian proceed to London and he is certain to start week-ending with lords and ladies and, horror of horrors, he will soon be turning up at St James's Palace in knee breeches. Let me add, incidentally, that it never worried us for one minute that our American Ambassadors were frequently mistaken for head waiters.

All this may seem trivial to Europeans, but to us it was the very essence of the reason why, in the dark halls of tangled Old World diplomacy, we were invariably outwitted. Now Mr Roosevelt is much more a man of the world

America Learns How To Non-Intervene!



The author—Robert Neville

LETTERS

Universal Week of Prayer

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I wonder if we might have the courtesy of your columns to bring to the notice of your many readers who may not have seen the posters and pamphlets dealing with the matter, that the Universal Week of Prayer will begin on Monday, January 9, and continue until Sunday, January 12. Each evening of this week, brief services of prayer, lasting approximately half an hour, will be held in St John's Cathedral, at 5.30 p.m.

On Sunday, January 12 a combined service of all the non-Roman Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon will be held in the English Methodist Church, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, at 6.30 p.m.

These services will be conducted by clergymen of the various non-Roman churches of the Colony, and we cordially invite all who believe in the Power of prayer, to unite with us and all our fellow-Christians through-

out the world, at any, or all of these times.

Further steps towards unity will be taken when on Thursday the 9th and Sunday the 12th, all Christian people are invited to share in the Communion Services which will follow immediately after the Service of Prayer and the United Service, respectively.

Further details concerning the Universal Week of Prayer may be had from the posters displayed at the Star Ferry, Peak Tram stations, and business premises in the city, to all of whom we are grateful for this measure of publicity.

It is, perhaps, scarcely necessary to stress the need of human penitence and divine intercession at a moment in history such as this, so it is with the confidence that we shall have a sympathetic understanding and co-operation that we bring the matter to the consideration of all who have the world's true welfare at heart.

On behalf of the various non-Roman Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon.

J. L. WILSON.
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than any of his recent predecessors, and he some years ago began to change a few things. Our State Department began to study the art of polite lying. Our diplomats took courses in plotting and intriguing. They picked up pointers here and there, but I think that undoubtedly the soundest lesson they learned was in London, at the time the famous Non-Intervention Committee was holding its long and stormy session. This committee, in which America was fortunately not represented, was a body especially designed to allow Germany and Italy to non-intervene in Spain to the extent of hundreds of aeroplanes and thousands of troops for the Franco side. Its labours were undoubtedly the most notable achievement in diplomatic double-entendre since Tallyrand.

I have no personal knowledge, but I believe that the impact of the Non-Intervention Committee's work on American diplomacy must have been enormous. Witness, for example, U.S. policy to-day. The other day I had to correct a British friend who referred to Americans as neutrals. Someone else called us non-belligerents which is more nearly accurate but still not quite exact. The truth is, of course, that we are strict non-interventionists—a la Germany and Italy in the Spanish Civil War.

Do the Allies need more aeroplanes? Then we will non-intervene by selling all we can spare. Does Britain desire destroyers? Then we will non-intervene with 50 of them. Does China need money? We will make a non-intervention loan of \$100,000,000 or so. We are now apparently on the threshold of non-intervening with leases of war material. Later we may decide to non-intervene with some of our Navy or even our air force. Non-intervention, we feel, is exactly the right answer to our present-day diplomatic needs.

I remember that when we came into the last war there was a big thanksgiving service at St Paul's in London, at which the Stars and Stripes were dis-

played and the Star-Spangled Banner sung. If America were to drop non-intervention and adopt war as a policy, I would advise Britons to be cautious about dancing in the streets. They might come to regret it.

We Americans are impetuous about cure-alls and after this war there is simply no predicting what we might want to do to Europe. The last time self-determination of peoples was going to solve everything. That having so shockingly failed, we would in all probability this time do something very drastic. I could imagine, for example, our deciding that what gets Europe into such an unholly mess every 25 years is wine. It is possible that we might figure out that there were too many languages in Europe and decree universal Esperanto. It is even conceivable that we would experiment with California's "ham-and-eggs" plan of presenting everybody with \$30 every Thursday, or with Dr Townsend's of giving all over 60 a cheque for \$200 every month. We might order the French to plough up every other row of champagne grapes or the Italians to double their consumption of spaghetti. We are capable of an infinite variety of dangerous solutions.

Every once in a while I hear the British expressing gratitude for America's help in the war. I hate to hear it. The U. S. A. is definitely not an altruistic nation to-day. Mr Roosevelt is nothing if not a believer in the quid pro quo, and for that most Americans are rather proud of him. There is even some talk in the U.S. of building an American Empire. Your correspondent, who fervently hopes that all such loose conversation will die out, nevertheless does not need to draw diagrams to show how that might affect the setting-sun situation over the British Empire.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1941.

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One reason why Singapore, and, in particular, the Sombawang district of Singapore, was chosen for the site of the Naval Base when the decision to build it was reached in 1921 was that it is ideally situated strategically and is particularly well placed for defence.

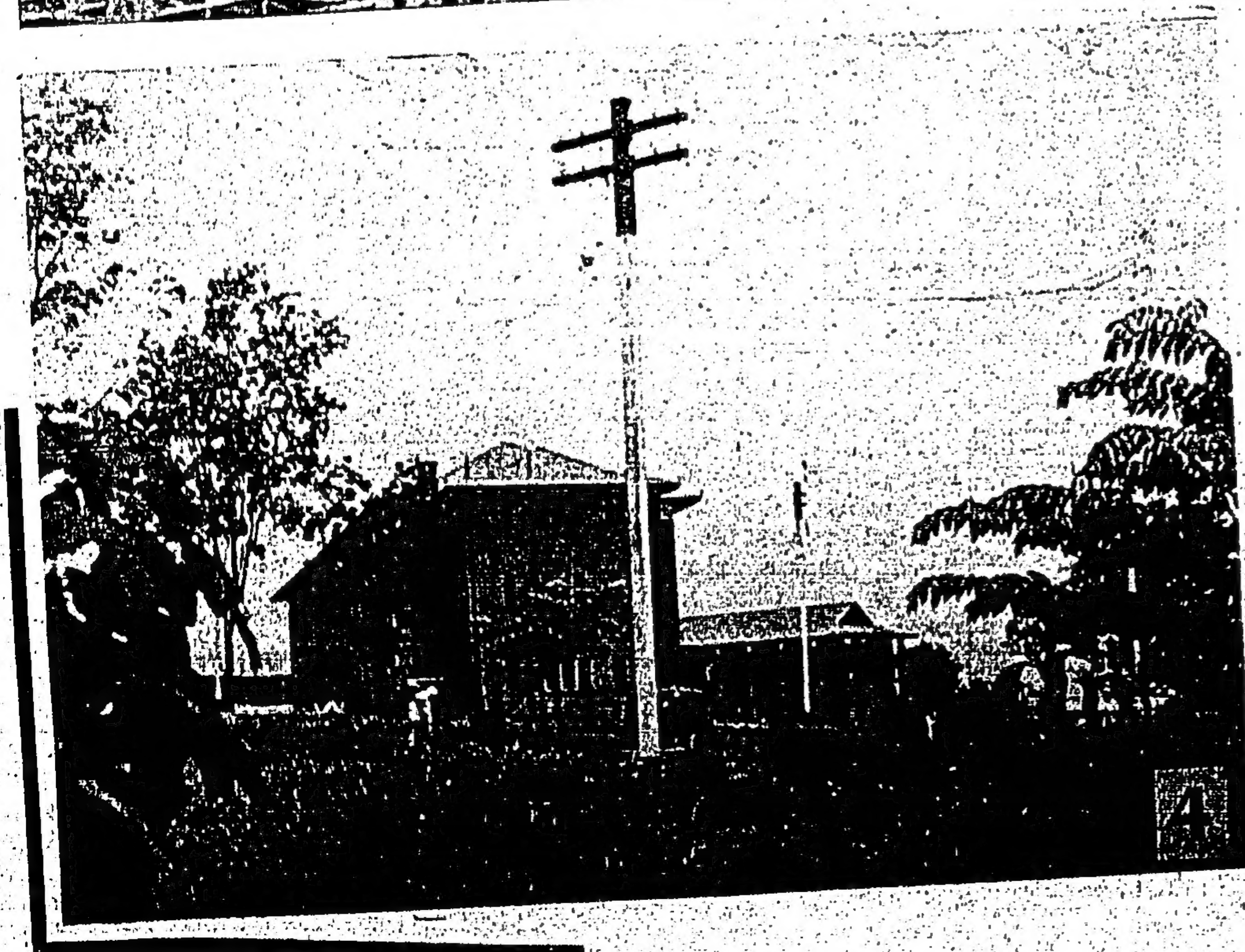
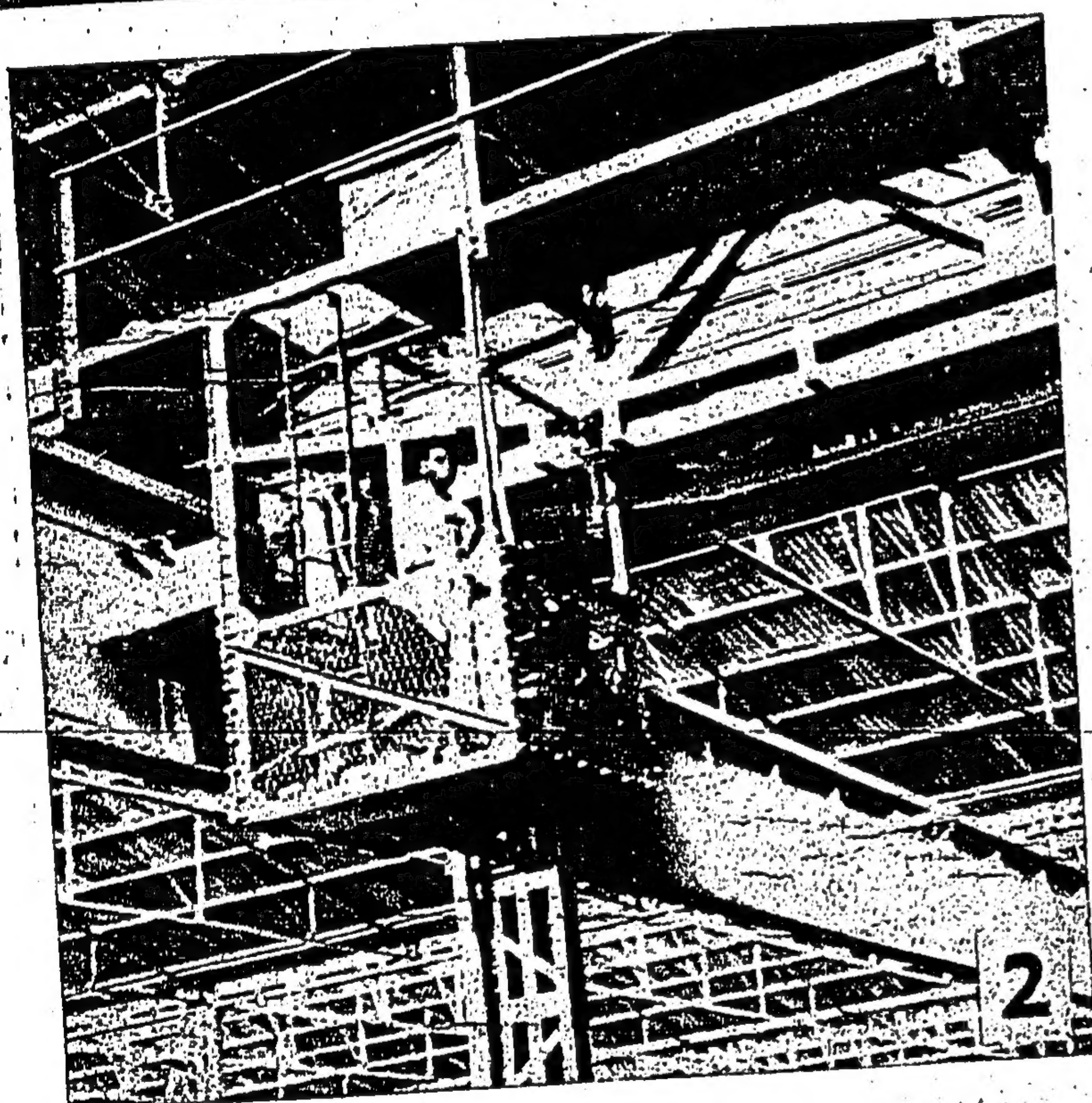
The base is designed to provide all the facilities required by a battle fleet, dry docks, repair workshops, stores, stocks of munitions and so on—and that is a function it can fulfil to perfection, so complete and up-to-date is its equipment.

Possessing these facilities, the British Fleet controls the South China Seas and the trade routes of the western Pacific.

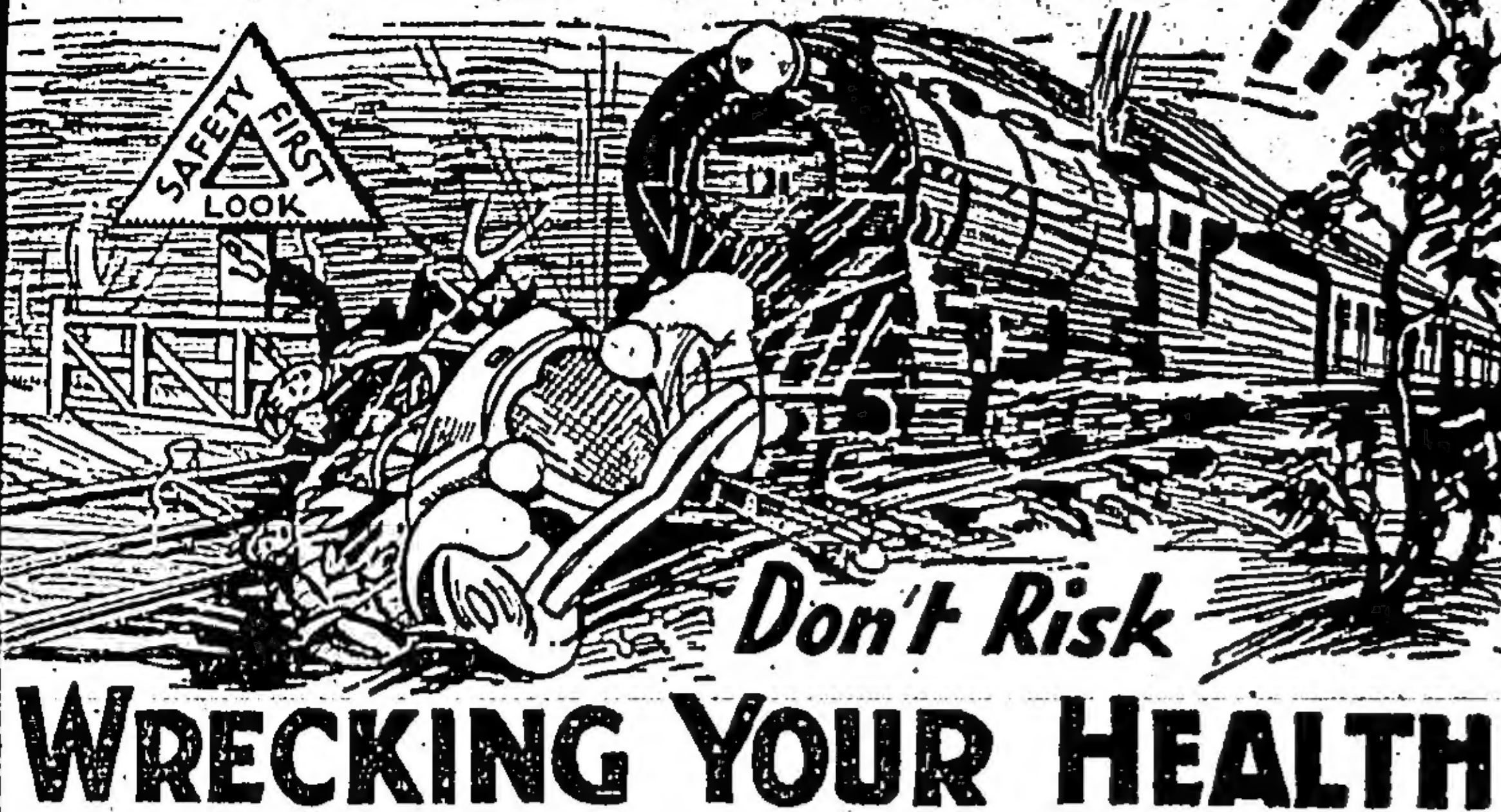
One of the features of the Base is the King George VI graving dock, which, towed out to Singapore, is capable of accommodating the largest battleship afloat.

Interesting glimpses of the Base are obtained from the pictures on this page, which are issued by the Ministry of Information.

1. A British warship entering the dockyard. The floating dock is seen beyond. 2. In one of the storehouses, a travelling crane with its native operator. 3. A cruiser coming alongside. Workshops of the Base and a giant crane are seen in the background. 4. One of the splendid buildings affording shore accommodation for the Fleet. 5. A view of the heavy machinery at the Base.



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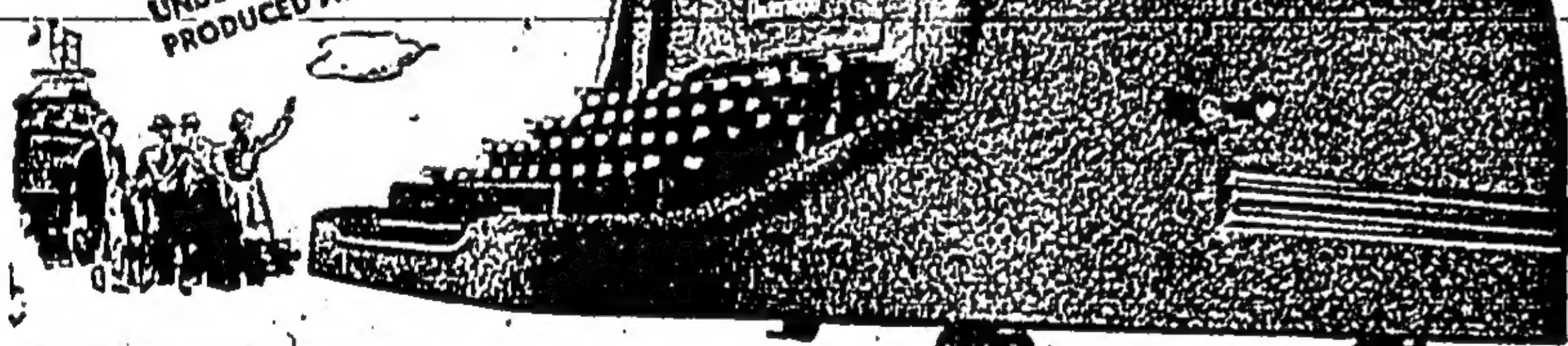
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THE TRUTH: American Evacuation From China

A locally unpublicised but tremendously important chapter on Japanese-American trade relations in China, having direct bearing on the evacuation advice from Washington, concerns the recent crisis forced upon the foreign oil companies operating in China by the Japanese controlling the occupied areas, says the Shanghai correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor." In this test the Japanese have now come out loser, not only in the immediate issue but in the whole train of recent events toward which this secret chapter contributed.

The crisis came when the Japanese tried to force two things upon the oil companies—import control for Central China similar to that already in effect in North China, and replacement of foreign oil company trademarks on their tins with marks of the Japanese who now monopolise retail trade in the occupied area.

Demands Rejected

Rejecting these demands, the American oil companies followed up with the significant move of advising their personnel to stand ready for evacuation of their families. This was done prior to the Washington advice to all Far East Americans. Very likely this was designed to give the Japanese a shock. All the foreign oil companies, British as well as American, stood firm on the proposition that they would close down rather than yield, it is understood from reliable sources.

Subsequently the Washington advice (believed to be largely based on Anglo-American understanding and the announced British intention to reopen the Burma Road into China) came out, affecting all Americans and administering a terrific shock to Japanese who had been anticipating a general foreign backdown before the "New Order in East Asia" juggernaut.

Publicity throughout the oil company crisis was rigorously avoided because of the no doubt well-founded belief by the companies that anything printed in this part of the world was bound to have an adverse effect upon their negotiations. Once the element of "face" was involved for the Japanese, it was felt by the foreign side, there would be an almost if not completely unsurmountable obstacle in the way of a Japanese retreat from the position taken. Accordingly not a whisper got out, in spite of the fact that oil company officials were called to Shanghai all the way from North China and that there were other outward signs of "something doing."

Japan Backs Down

By the time the Japanese finally concluded to back down, they had had additional evidence that there was reason to do so. Anglo-American Far East collaboration appeared finally to have become a fact, and there were two dramatic developments only a week before the quiet decision not to press the onslaught against the oil companies—the one, Britain's announcement that the Burma Road would be opened to China supplies after three months of closure, and the other, Washington's advice that non-essential Americans should leave the Far East.

In the first moves toward evacuation of wives and children, the oil companies followed up their earlier discreet threat by taking a leading part. However, it now appears clear that a problem is developing with reference to how far the American evacuation should go. There is no desire on the part of the oil companies, the banks, traders in motorcars, and a thousand other American commodities to clear out, because any such move entails a possibility that the crisis may go no further but that their place may be taken in their absence by others not easy to dislodge.



ANOTHER CLASSIC DUST UNEARTHED IN GREECE
(from the "Philadelphia Record.")

What Sort of Men Are These Greeks?

THIS is practically the only story about Greece like most Cypriots, is 100 that doesn't say that the per cent. British and 100 Greeks had a word for it per cent. Greek. That com- The Greeks haven't a word bination makes him 200 per for it. They are just as anti-Italian. We had speechless as the rest of us another glass of the wine of about the whole business of Samos, and he spoke of the tough little Greek warriors who are now holding up the Italian advance.

Over a glass of Samian wine—Byron eulogised the same drink if you remember—Proprietor Stais, of the Greek restaurant in Percy street, W., said:—

"Like most people, we don't particularly like fighting the way fighting goes nowadays. But we do like taking a smack at the macaroni-eaters."

entertainment. Wine is very cheap and beer is very dear. You see, the normal drinks like cognac and wine cost something like tuppence a glass. Beer costs ninepence. You're throwing a party beyond the ordinary when you serve beer.

Average wage is about £4 a month for better-class people. They live like fighting cocks on that. If they pay 10s. a month for their villa, they are in the swank class.

These hardy little men who have become the guardians of the Near East don't eat bread and cheese like our Tommies. They carry in their pack wooden bottles in two pieces that screw into each other. In the wooden bottle they carry olives—dark brown, oily, lovely olives.

IMPORTANT in the social life of the Greek soldier is his waistcoat. When he gets himself engaged to a girl, it is her pride and joy to sit for hour after hour and embroider a waistcoat for him. Involved, cunning patterns are stitched into it, colours are woven on top of each other in a gay loving pastiche. Every girl tries to make it bolder, more flamboyant than any other one in the village. They're not supposed to, but most of the boys wear their engagement waistcoats under their army tunics.

Gay, swarthy little men these mountain soldiers. They have an historic inspiration. They have two acts of heroes. They have their ancient heroes and they have their modern heroes.

Byron comes first of the Moderns. Of the Ancients, why, even the Greek waiter will hurl Pericles at you.

"... There are mighty monuments of our power which will make us the wonder of this and of succeeding ages. For we have compelled every land and every sea to open a path for our valour and have everywhere planted eternal memorials of our friendship and our enmity. Such is the city for whose sake these men nobly fought and died; they could not bear the thought that she might be taken from them; and every one of us who survive should gladly toil on her behalf."

The little swarthy men have not forgotten.

CHINA DROPS LATINISATION OF LANGUAGE

AFTER long debate, the project of official Chinese support of a Latinisation of the Chinese written language has been abandoned. The National Government Ministry of Education has decided that for both pedagogic and political reasons, the traditional Chinese character best serves Chinese purposes.

For a decade or more, Latinisation has been promoted by a small group and a few years ago a monthly English language magazine (Communist in sympathy) was started in Shanghai where in all Chinese words were expressed in a new system particularly striking through its liberal employment of the letter "X," as "Xura" for the word usually written "Hwa."

Supporters of the movement which can be mastered in a few weeks at the most.

ated to have 23,265 monosyllabic characters, a staggering number for the best of memories. Latinisation employs five new diphthongs, discards the letters h, q, and v, and uses the rest of the alphabet. It is declared by some to be superior to the Wade Romanisation and other systems but it still cannot surmount the problem of differing dialects—an issue that does not arise when Chinese characters are used. The word "li," with different intonations, has 113 different characters each with a different meaning.

Those favouring retention of the old characters say that only 2,000 to 4,000 are actually everyday use, and Dr Y. C. James ("Jimmy") Yen has achieved wonders in educating illiterates to read with only 1,000 carefully chosen characters. Books have been written and newspapers published with only the Yen thousand-character list, which can be mastered in a few weeks at the most.

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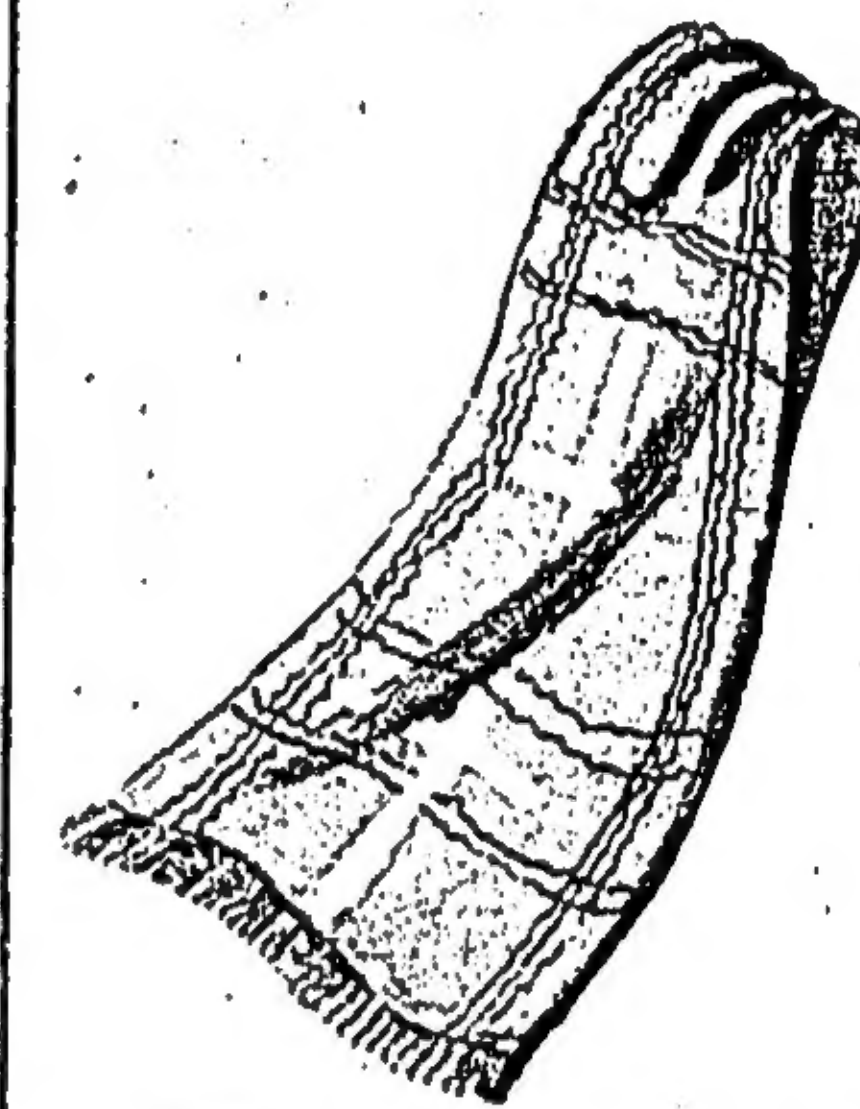
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The illustration represents two Buddhist monks who lived in the Tang Dynasty. They were celebrated composers of religious poems concerning the emancipation and salvation of mankind. The two were not related but were great friends and always worked in harmony with each other.

They are regarded by the Buddhists as expressive of the School of Meditation. In the Ming Dynasty, the name of Wo Hop was given to them. This means "happy union." Since then, they have been considered as the symbol of united happiness.

Their faces are shown as youths, even though they grew to be old men, symbolising that their eternal happiness kept them young.

At Chinese New Year in North China, a picture of these two is hung in every household. Walter C. Clark.

TELEGRAPH QUIZ

1. Which British Prime Minister of the last 50 years has a name beginning with R?
2. What is the well-known abbreviation of trinitrotoluol?
3. Plagiarism would be most likely to be committed by (a) a burglar (b) a surgeon (c) a writer.
4. What is the French for football?
5. What opera was produced in Hongkong last year, and what is the name of its composer?
6. Who wrote "The Blue Bird"?
7. "Nation shall speak peace unto nation" is the motto of—?
8. What are the plural forms of the following words: apex, radius, genus, calf, talisman, grouse?
9. Who last invaded the soil of Britain? Where and when?
10. When a man utters a malison, he indulges in (a) excessive flattery (b) the worshiping of false idols (c) cursing (d) the propagation of sodition.

Answers on Page 14.

DUDLEY BARKER continues the story of the German occupation of the Channel Islands, as told to him by a native who escaped

IT is appalling to think of anything like starvation in the Channel Islands, the very business of which is the production of food.

They have always been the islands of plenty, of fine vegetables, rich milk, famous potatoes.

Guernsey's food market in St Peter Port, the market that all holiday makers knew, displayed in abundance the produce of all around—the food grown and farmed on the island, the lobsters and fish caught in its waters.

Yet, after only three months of German occupation, there is starvation ahead.

I have that from Fred Hockey, who recently escaped from Guernsey, and who is telling me this full story of the Germans in that one corner of the British Empire.

Potato Bread

"When we managed to get away," he said, "the food position was getting serious, although it was still late summer. I dare not think what will happen in the winter."

"Before the Germans came our food was plentiful and good. Some things were rationed, of course, exactly as they are rationed in England, but you all know there is not much hardship in that."

"For the first week during which the Germans were in Guernsey the food remained much the same, although that week the Germans commandeered all the stored food they could lay their hands on, and shipped it from the Island—to Germany, I suppose."

"All our margarine went, for instance, and most of the other fats."

"The second week I asked a friend of mine, who is a baker, what had happened to the bread."

"There's 50 per cent. less flour in it," he told me, "the rest is made up of potatoes and some other sort of muck."

"The bread got worse later on, but I didn't like to ask again what was going into it."

No Bacon

"Pretty soon they began tightening the rations. Butter

was cut down to two ounces per person a week.

"It's down to that now in England, I know, but here you have margarine and cooking fats as well."

"Not so in Guernsey. There we had just the two ounces of butter, and no other fats at all."

"The Germans, on the other hand, had as much butter as

I mean the islanders only of course, for the Germans had all the food they could eat."

"I fear that, this winter, the people of Guernsey will be existing on little else except potatoes and bread. And the bread itself is at least half potato flour already."

"The Germans even got at people who had vegetable gar-

would be available for only two more months.

"You could not even then, buy paraffin or candles. Squads of men were already out, felling trees for fuel for the winter."

"Soap was another problem. The ration, when we left, was a sixpenny bar per person every month—and with that you had to wash everything; yourself, your clothes, your house, and so on."

Clothes Permit

"The other great trouble was clothes. They were rationed, too."

"Nobody is allowed to buy any clothes at all, not even a pair of bootlaces, without the consent of the Kommandant."

"And if you want to buy something new, you have to take the old, worn-out article along with you when apply for permission, to prove that it is really unwearable."

"Nearly always they hand it back to you, saying you can wear it for a few weeks longer."

"You even have to get a permit to have your shoes repaired—and you have to take the shoes to prove they need it."

"As for buying a new packet of razor blades, it simply can't be done. Most of the men on the island are having to grow beards."

"Only those who had 'cut-throat' razors can still shave themselves."

"Prices did not rise much, but the Germans put a sales tax of a halfpenny on every sixpenny worth of goods you buy, no matter what."

"The islanders soon started to grumble about all this, but only for a little while."

"That was how we discovered that the Gestapo were in Guernsey."

"There were a number of Germans there in civilian clothes who were always mixing with us wherever they could—in the pubs and cafes, in the shops, and on the sea walls."

"And there was, of course, a strong regulation that nobody was to say anything against the Germans, or Germany, or Hitler."

Girl Arrested

"One day a Guernsey girl walked into a shop to buy something or other, and they could not sell it to her."

"She got a bit annoyed, and said something about the Germans having everything, and the Guernsey people having nothing. She went on like that for a few minutes, just an ordinary bit of grousing."

"As she stepped out of the shop door, she was arrested by one of these men in plain clothes, who had been standing outside listening. That was the Gestapo."

"They took the girl to prison, and although I don't think a charge was ever brought against her, she was still in prison when we left the island."

"That taught people to be much more careful about what they said in public, and they started looking over their shoulders to see who was about before they said anything at all—just as the people do, I'm told, in Germany itself."

MONDAY: PRUSSIAN
AND PROPAGANDA.

Nazis Seize Food While Islanders Go Hungry

they wanted, and they were dens, or people who owned a even frying their food in it, our field of potatoes to make a little lovely Guernsey butter, the pigs pocket money.

"Then they started on the meat. They cut down the ration to sixpennyworth per person a week, and we had to slaughter our milking herds to get that—and to provide the Germans with all the meat they wanted."

"Even that did not last. Just before we left, it was announced in the newspaper that the ration would soon be a shillingworth of meat per person a month."

"During August we were allowed to buy one tin of preserved food every week. But by September all tinned food was banned."

"There was no bacon at all, and no fruit except what was locally grown."

"By the time we escaped, the island was practically living on bread, potatoes, tomatoes and beans, plus whatever vegetables we had growing in our gardens."

"All coal was cut off from the glasshouses, and those that had been heated were turned over to grow maize and beans."

"It was feared a week before we left that, because of the coal shortage, electricity and gas

Coal Shortage

"And, of course, many people did not have vegetable gardens or fields. They had to buy their potatoes, in strictly limited quantities."

"The rationing did not stop there. Coal stocks were getting very low, and no coal was being sent in."

"All coal was cut off from the glasshouses, and those that had been heated were turned over to grow maize and beans."

"It was feared a week before we left that, because of the coal shortage, electricity and gas

FUNNY SIDE UP

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HOLLYWOOD

Nazi Spy Den

WHEN General Francisco Franco coined the sinister phrase, "Fifth Column," probably the last city in the world he had in mind was Hollywood.

Yet to-day a Nazi Fifth Column marches in Hollywood, Beverly Hills and the towns surrounding the influential motion-picture capital.

According to all indications, next to that of the New York metropolitan area, it is the largest, most rapidly growing and most active Fifth Column in the United States!

What is this Hollywood Fifth Column? How does it work?

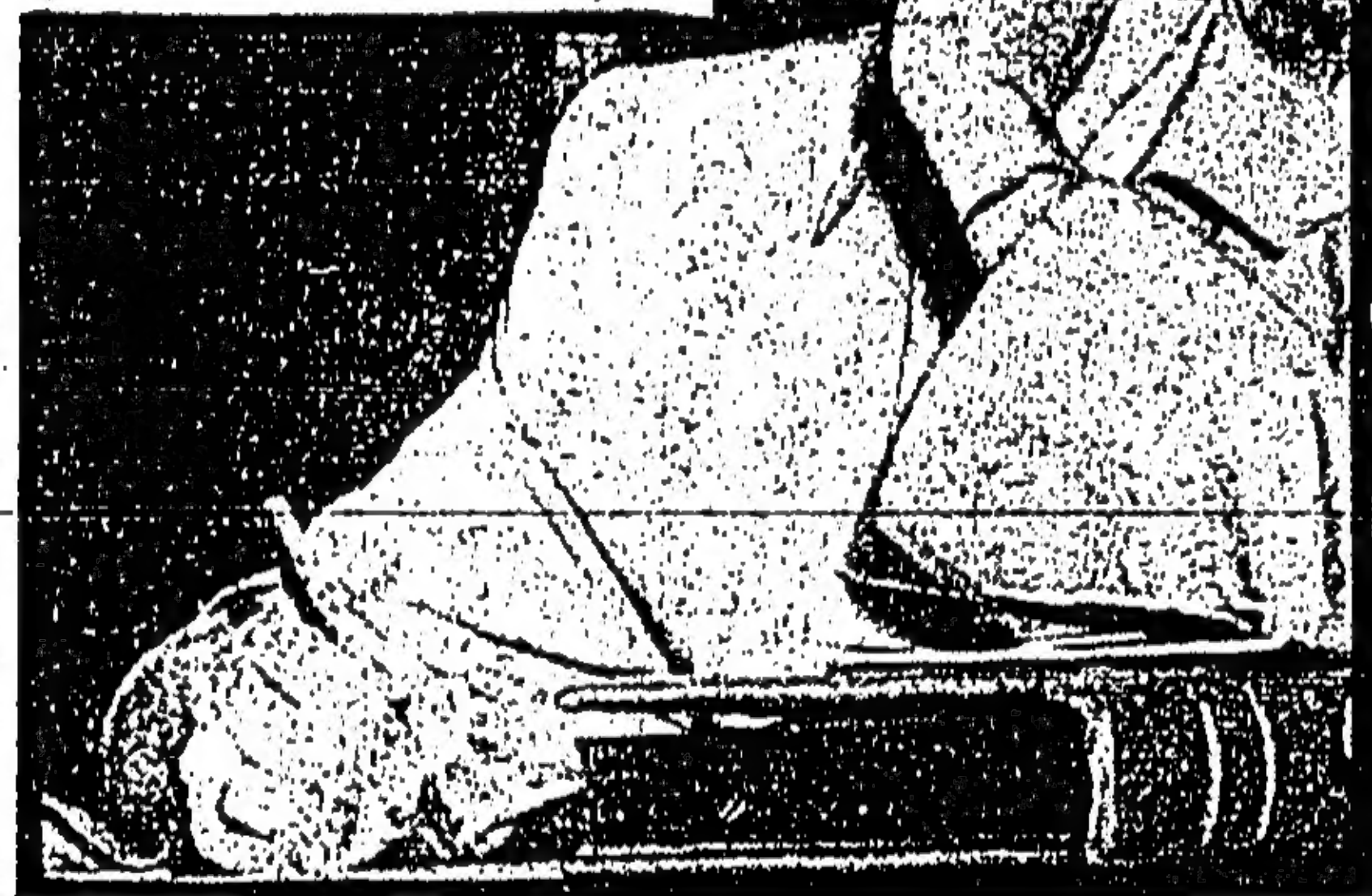
Roughly, Hitler's Hollywood undercover armies are divided into two major groups.

One consists of professional spies and intelligence operatives. The other comprises a host of U.S. Nazis, Nazi sympathisers, German-American Bundsters, propagandists and otherwise Hitler-subsidised self-appointed heralds of the New Order.

The first group is not interested in Hollywood, except in a secondary way.

Its primary concern is with the many extremely strategic defence points and industries which lie within a few miles, and sometimes yards, of the motion-picture studios.

● Marlene Dietrich, erstwhile German citizen signing her American naturalisation papers. A similar photograph was distributed with a German caption representing Dietrich as "betraying her Fatherland."



The great aircraft factories of Southern California—Douglas, Lockheed, Northrup and such, where sixty per cent. of all Uncle Sam's military aeroplanes are made and tested.

The home base of the United States fleet at San Pedro. The destroyer base at San Diego. The oil fields, Fort MacArthur, the West Coast aviation stronghold of the U.S. Army at March Field.

This active, professional group of spies obviously takes its orders direct from Berlin, via San Francisco and the German consulate there, headed by the ultra-charming Captain Fritz Wiedemann, Hitler's former World War commander, and later his personal adjutant.

Recently a German consular courier, one Herbert Hoehne, was arrested in Beverly Hills carrying a bag, which reputedly held, in code, plans for disabling the Panama Canal! His £3,000 bail was supplied by Captain Wiedemann.

But while the German spy swarm is concerned with a more vital game than the motion-picture industry and its people, it has a very direct contact with Hollywood.

The other day, a Hollywood producer, who has employed a German couple in his home for the past two years, happened to pick up a telephone extension and hear one of his servants talking in German.

Understanding the language himself, he was amazed to hear

a gruff Teutonic voice ordering them to pack and be ready to leave the next morning.

The producer called in the couple immediately and demanded an explanation.

At first they surlily refused to talk. But when he pretended to be wounded by their desertion and mentioned the two years of pleasant association, they broke into tears.

They did not want to leave him, they said, because they were very happy.

But they had been ordered to leave at once for Brazil, where

used as a distributing point for Nazi literature.

He waited up all night for the chauffeur and his propaganda crew. They never showed up.

Not all actual Nazi agents operate in the guise of mental servants in Hollywood, of course.

It is just as easy to be unnoticed by being opulent in a wealthy community such as the movie colony.

But the objectives of this second file of the Hollywood Fifth Column are different.

Their aims—strictly domestic—are (1) to discredit Hollywood anti-Nazi movie-makers, stars and all pictures which faintly repel Nazi doctrines; (2) to find and develop

extensive pamphlet campaigns were directed against the picture.

Actual Fifth Column penetration into the creative departments of Hollywood studios is having a much tougher time.

In the first place, the studios are alert to the danger and have taken measures to have filled out an extensive questionnaire covering employees' entire lives. Intimate questions about race, religion, investments, ideologies and such—never asked before—must be filled in.

In the second place, so many people must pass on the eventual form of a finished Hollywood picture that it is virtually impossible for a Nazi propagandist to inject Hitler's message into a movie undetected.

The only Hollywood incident involving a studio high up with the Nazi Fifth Column that has come to light is indirect. It concerns an important producer's wife.

She started giving afternoon teas to her friends "to discuss the world situation." The talks, somehow, always led to Nazi ideology, and then out came stacks of Nazi literature.

When word of these goings-on reached her husband, the goings-on stopped right then. Just what he told his wife has not been recorded and possibly couldn't be, anyway.

Nevertheless—while Fifth Columnists are still being repulsed from the inner sanctum of Hollywood's studios, there is little doubt they have an eye to taking over eventually and Nazifying the movies if the dream of a Hitler world revolution ever spreads this far.

Hitler's American Bund Fuehrer, the discredited Fritz Kuhn, has promised "a thorough cleaning of our most important medium of propaganda and entertainment, the Hollywood film industry," when, supposedly, the great day dawns.

But Hollywood is not letting the Fifth Column tramp along entirely unharmed.

While it is true that most of the town dismisses Nazi work as fantastic, there are elements in Hollywood who take it seriously, as it certainly should be taken.

A number of privately-financed counter-espionage and counter-propaganda groups have been formed to keep tabs on the progress of the Fifth Column.

One voluntary group of five, consisting of a prominent star, a writer, director, Press agent and technical research man, devotes all its off-studio time to scouting the Nazi column.

Their secret files alone could rock Hollywood. But the only ones who can see them are officers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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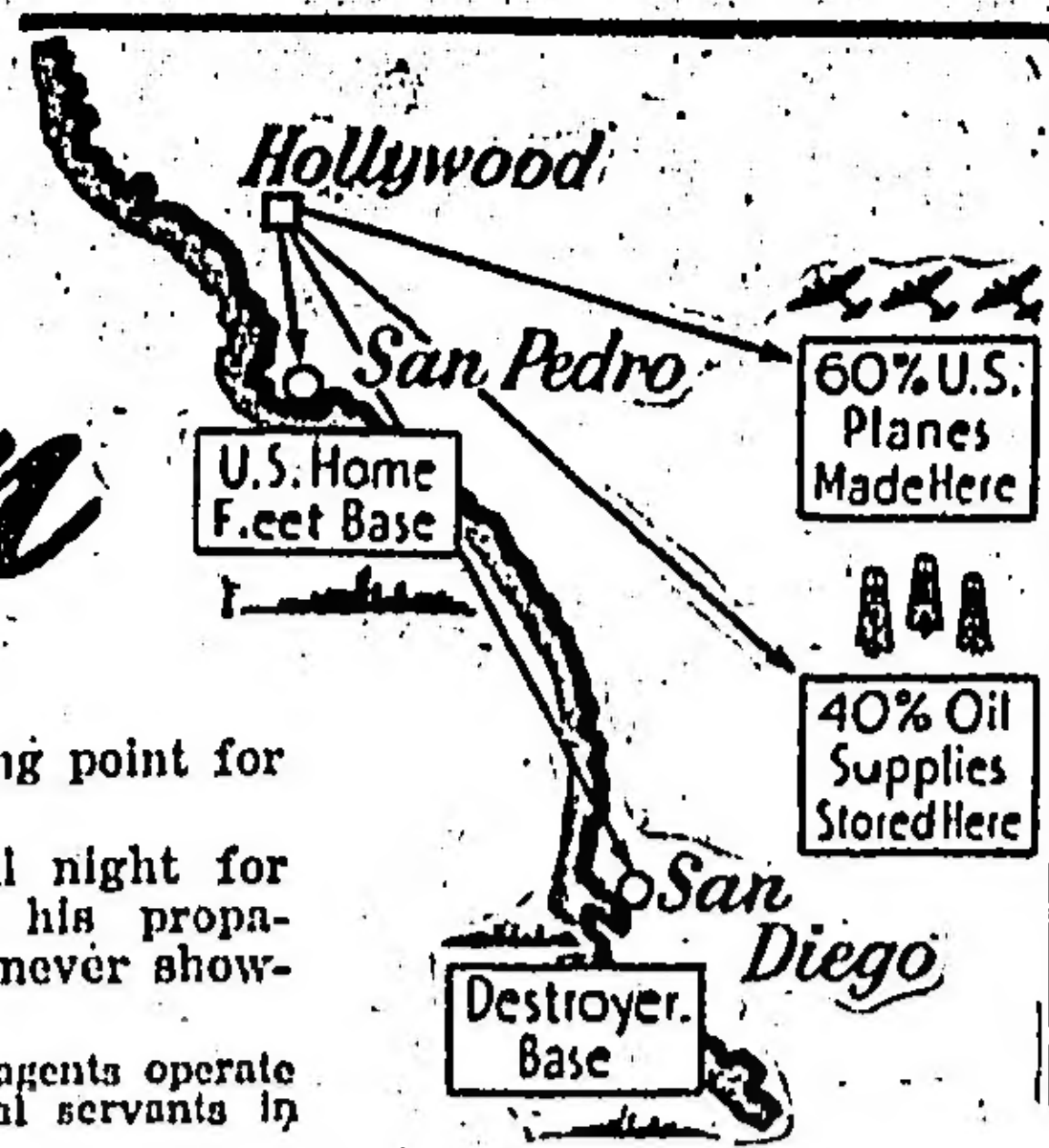
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● Melvyn Douglas and Claudette Colbert. Douglas was another victim of Hollywood Fifth Column troopers.

Nazi sympathisers among the influential screen elite; (3) to stir up studio labour; (4) to spread the doctrine of Hitlerism continually and lavishly; (5) to secure an expert knowledge of Hollywood and its studios for Der Tag when Hitler takes over.

Scurrilous pamphlets, organised "smearing" campaigns, depredations, threats and some subtle parlour conversation by Germanic glamour boys constitute its heavy artillery.

Often at night the letter-boxes of homes in the movie residential districts are stuffed with flaming pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic pamphlets. Similar pamphlets are slipped inside morning papers, under milk bottles.

Major studio heads, stars and workers have found them in their cars.

The pamphlets themselves, for public consumption, are mostly glorifying Germany and ridiculing Britain.

"Smear technique" is frequently directed at prominent movie personalities.

Not long ago Marlene Dietrich, an erstwhile German citizen, who recently became a naturalised American, was a victim.

A photograph showing Dietrich being sworn in as a U.S. citizen was distributed with a German caption which represented the picture as Dietrich "betraying her Fatherland."

Usually, however, the "smear technique" of Hollywood's Nazi Fifth Column is much more aggressive and widespread. It often consists of a sea of letters and telegrams backing up whispering campaigns of unusual viciousness.

Since parts of Hollywood had the reputation of being Communist, up until the Hitler-Stalin deal, the term "Communist" is a convenient red herring to be flourished by Fifth Column hands.

Much of the "Communist" hue and cry which greeted the recent appointment of Melvyn Douglas to a commission in the California National Guard was traced to Hollywood Fifth Column troopers.

The same technique is currently being used on Fredric March and several other prominent Hollywood stars.

Several times recently star appearances have been needed for patriotic programmes, rallies and so forth.

But many big screen personalities who were eager to lend their names and talents had to be turned down because of Communist stigma attached to them, in large part, by the smearing methods of Hollywood Nazis.

The Fifth Column made an especially vigorous campaign against Warner Brothers' film exposé of Nazi activities in the United States, "Confessions Of A Nazi Spy."

While it was being filmed, every cast member received letters threatening awful retribution unless he quit the picture (none did; nothing happened).

Some expensive portraits were marred—the only downright sabotage yet reported on a Hollywood set, and



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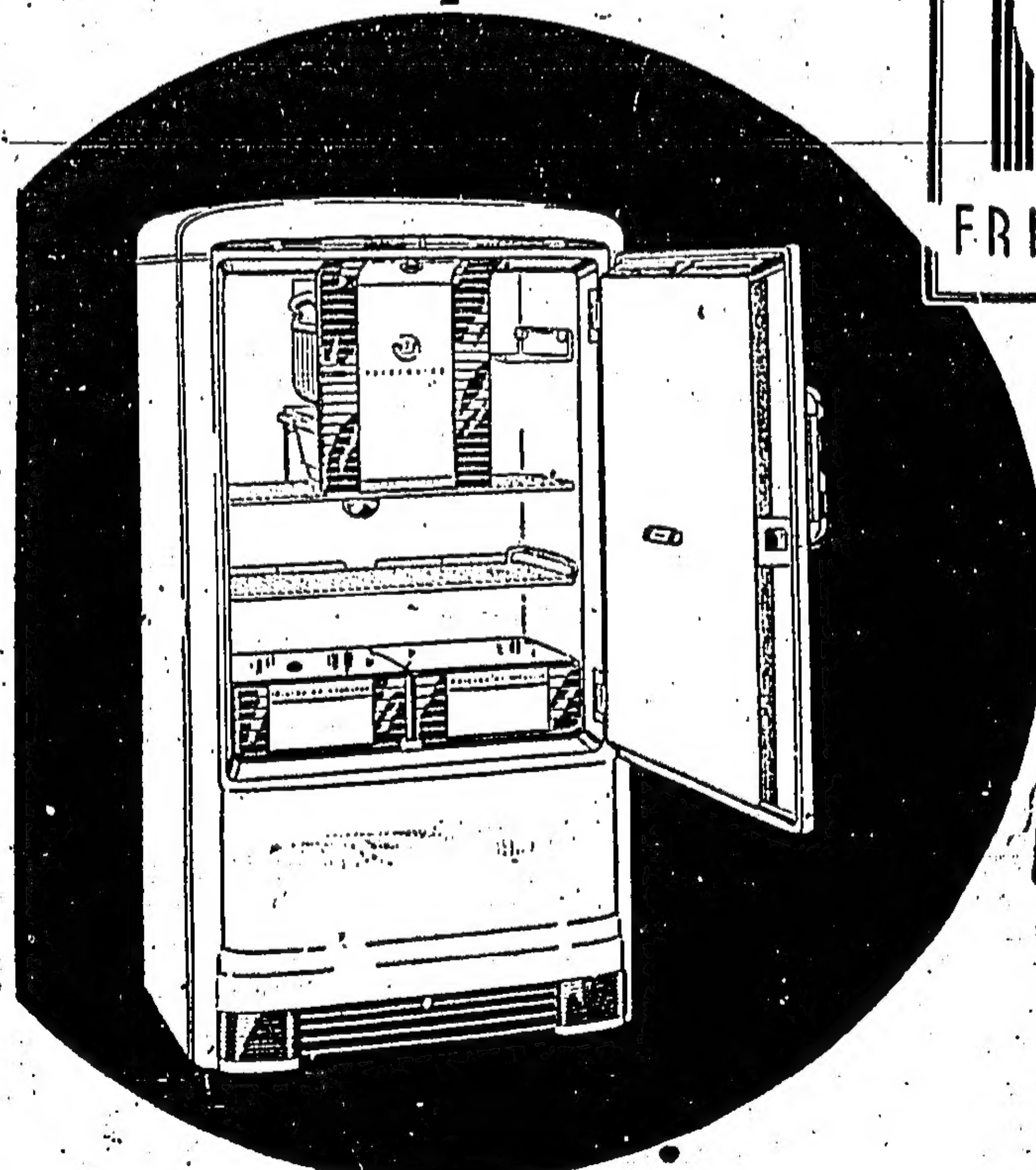


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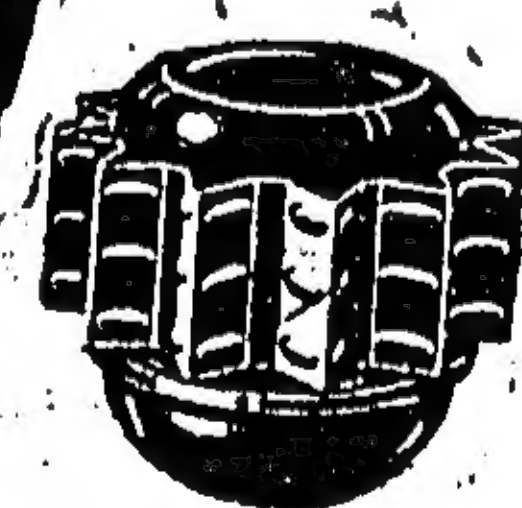
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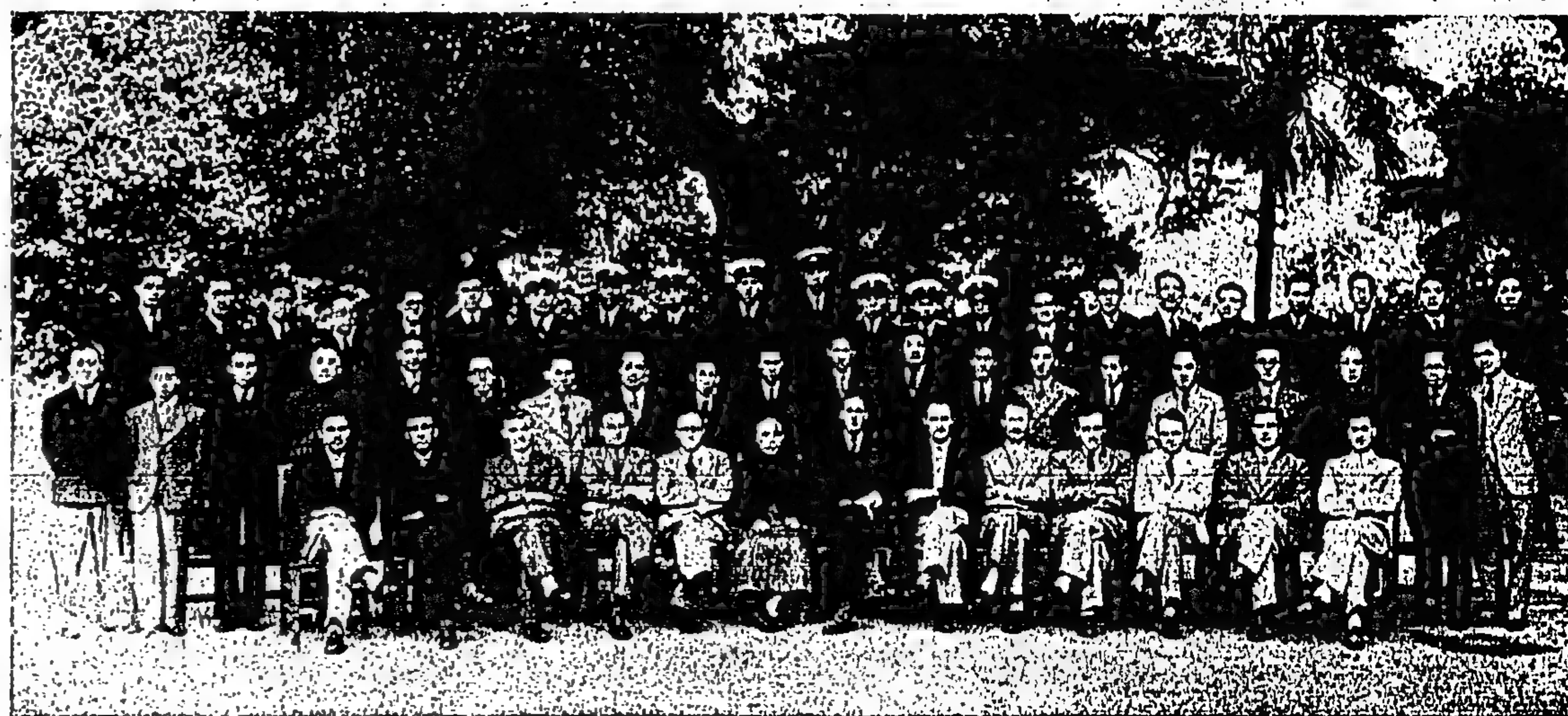
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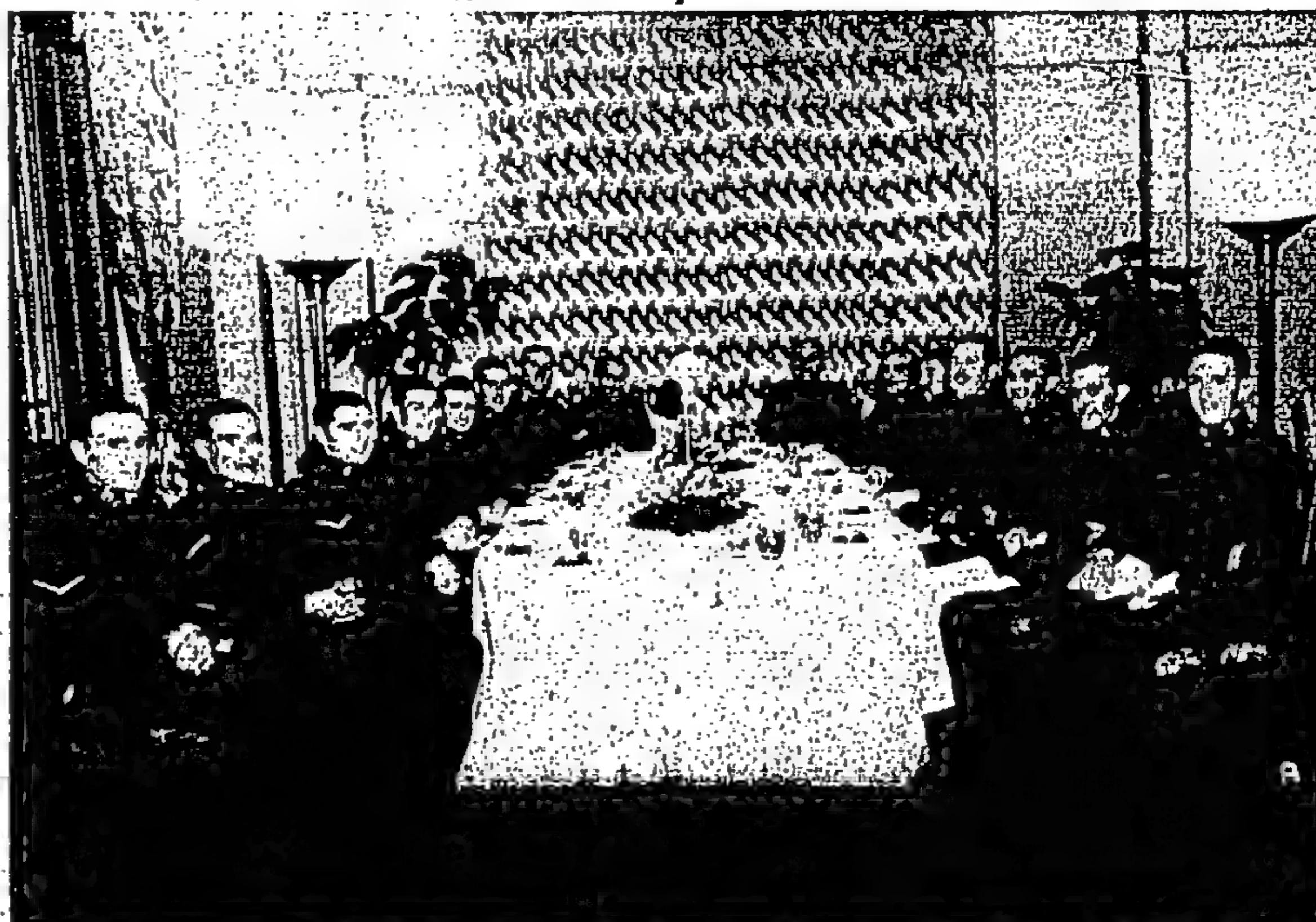
THE HEAD OFFICE STAFF of the Waterworks Office, Public Works Department, taken on the occasion of the retirement of Mr Chan To-sui (centro, front row) senior Chinese clerk, after 40 years' service with the Hongkong Government. Mr Chan is seated next to Mr C. W. E. Bishop, Waterworks Engineer. Mr Forbes, Maintenance Engineer, is on Mr Bishop's left. (Photo: King's Studio).



GROUP taken after the wedding at St. Joseph's Church last week of Mr Leonardo Antonio Elarto and Miss Mary Juno Juno Bucks. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

CATHEDRAL WEDDING—Dr Lo Chong-foi and his bride, formerly Miss Eva Lee, who were married at St. John's Cathedral on December 30. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

WARDENS' UNION—The Hongkong Air Raid Wardens' Union was formed last week when an inauguration meeting was held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Picture below shows the large gathering present. In the picture on the left, Mr A. E. M. Rafeek, the chairman, is speaking. Behind him, seated, are Mr M. L. Bavan, Mr E. Manning, Mr A. E. Gerondal, Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Mr Tso Ka-po and Mr H. Sequeira. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



DEBATING CLUB—Members of the Royal Signals Debating Club photographed at their annual dinner, held recently at the Peninsula Hotel. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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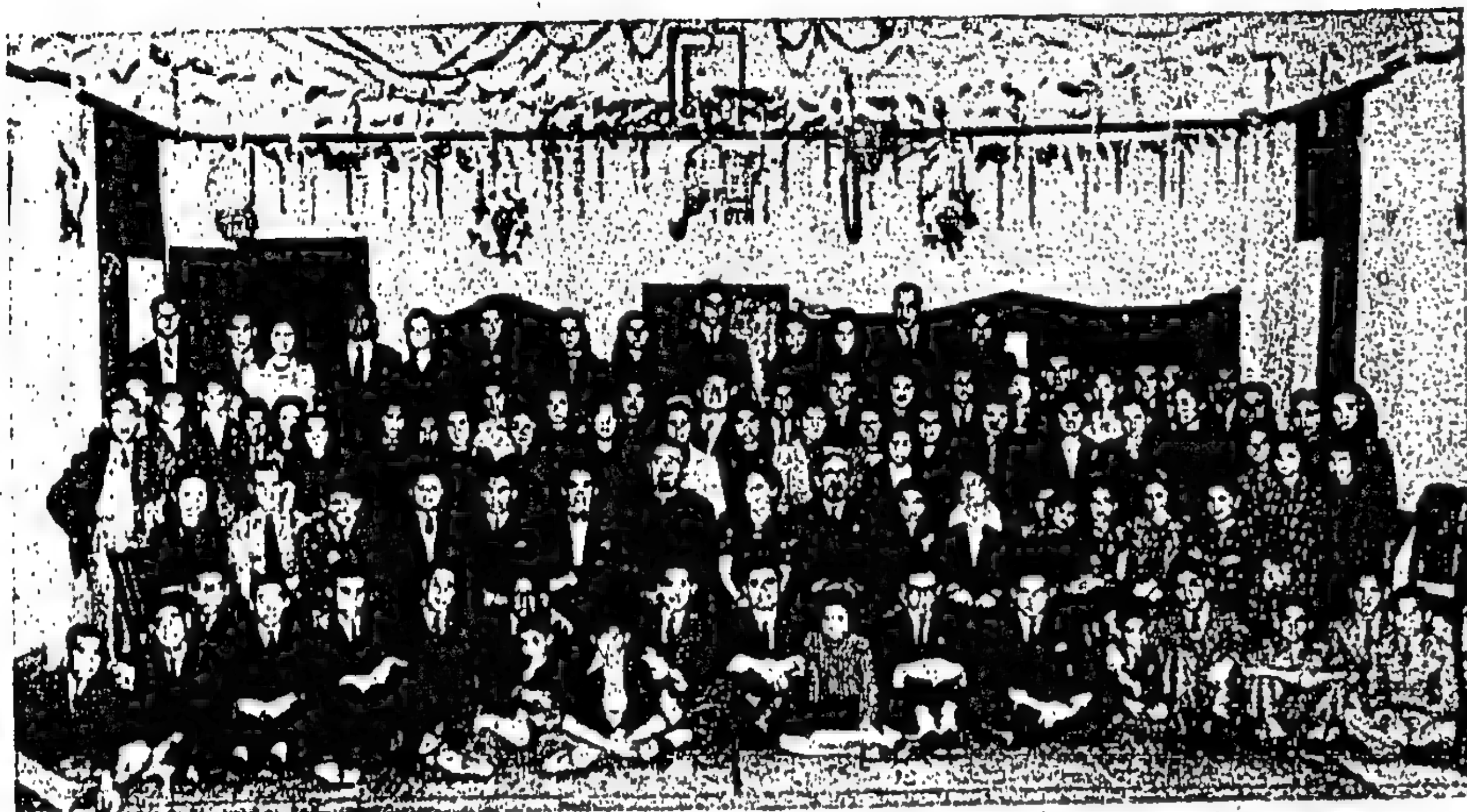
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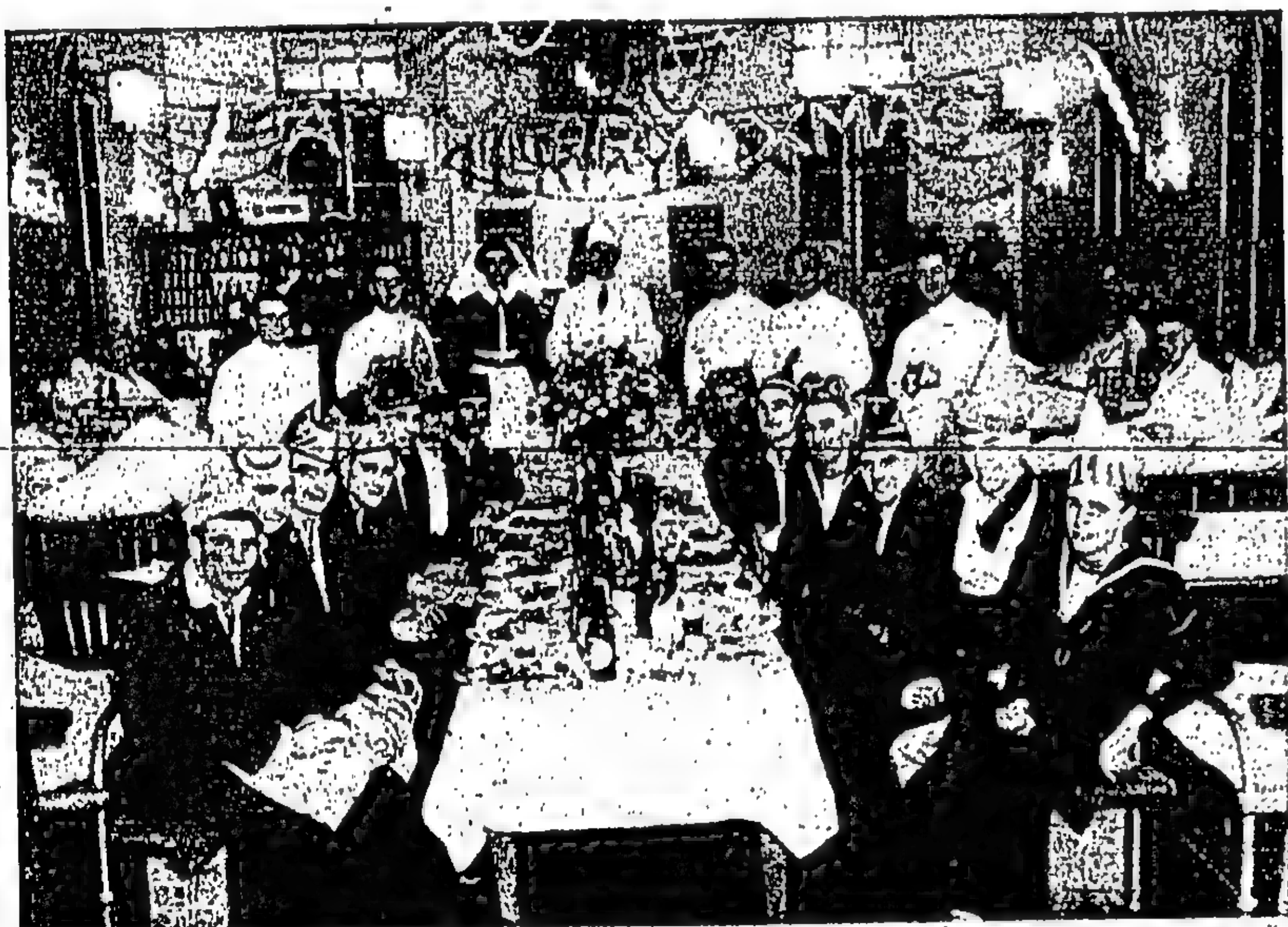
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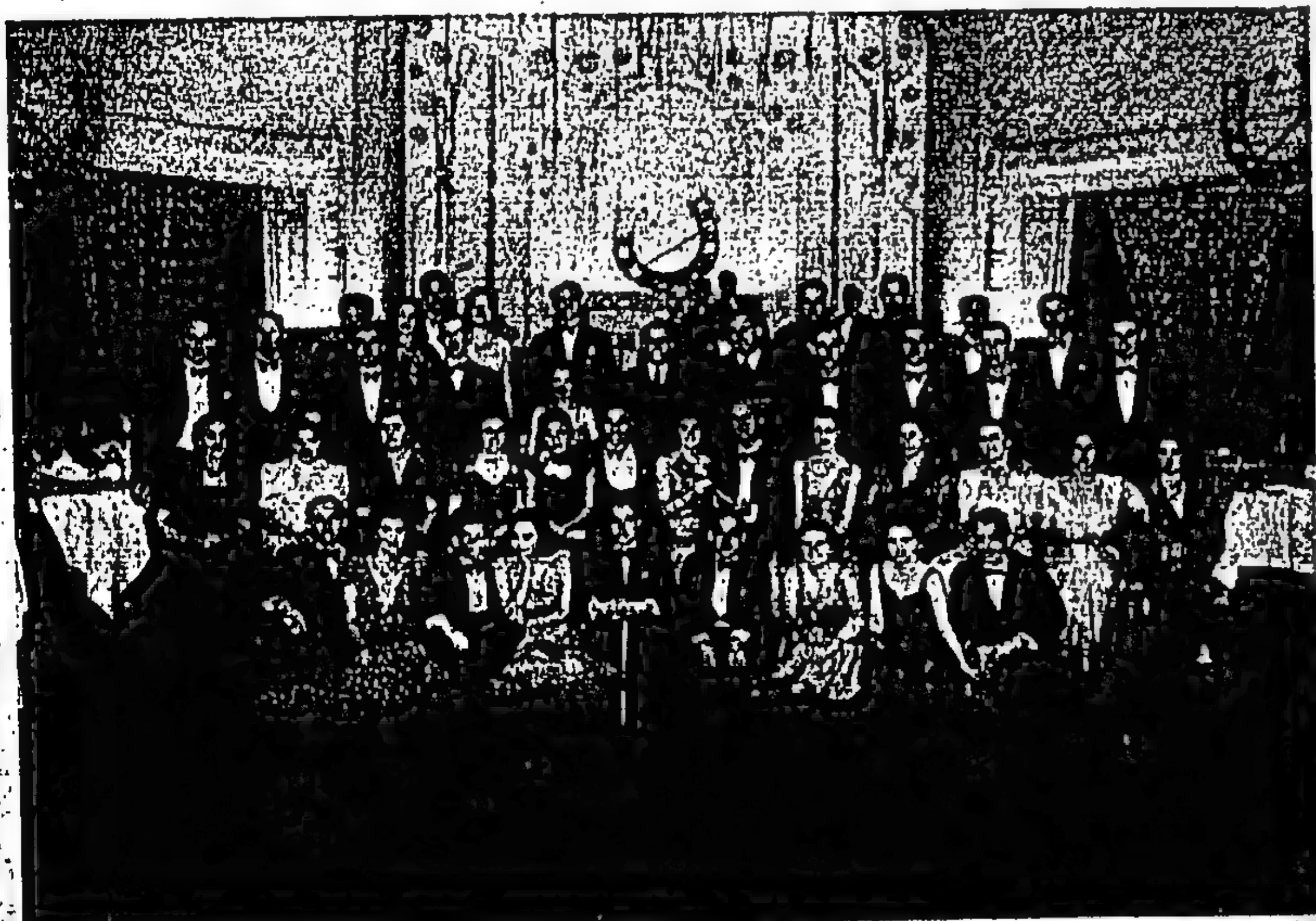
MARRIED OFFICERS of the Hongkong Prison, Stanley, were entertained to a Christmas dinner by their bachelor colleagues. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



SOCIAL—Members of the St. Teresa's Church Young Men's Society and their guests at their recent Christmas party and social. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



CHRISTMAS PARTY—A happy picture taken during a Christmas party held in one of the wards of the Royal Naval Hospital. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



DINNER DANCE—A large party photographed at the recent dinner dance of the Equine Sports Club at the Peninsula Hotel. The President of the Club, Mr. H. S. Yung, is seated in the front row, fifth from the left. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

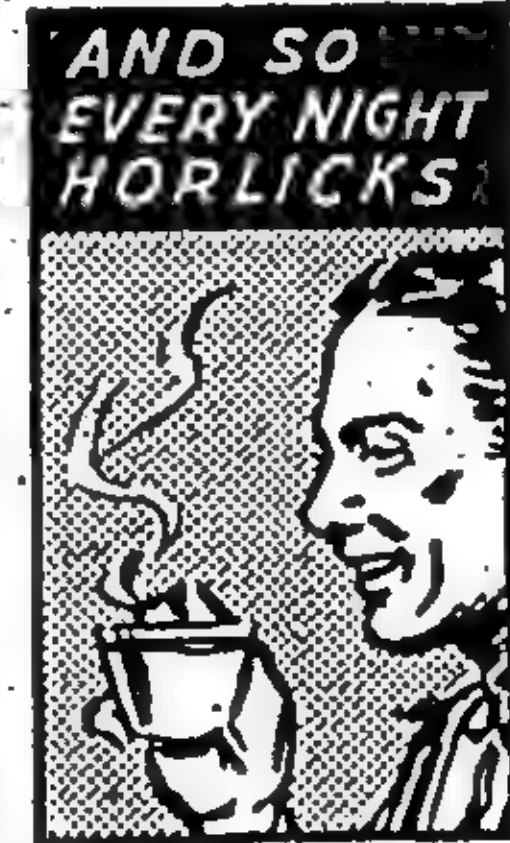
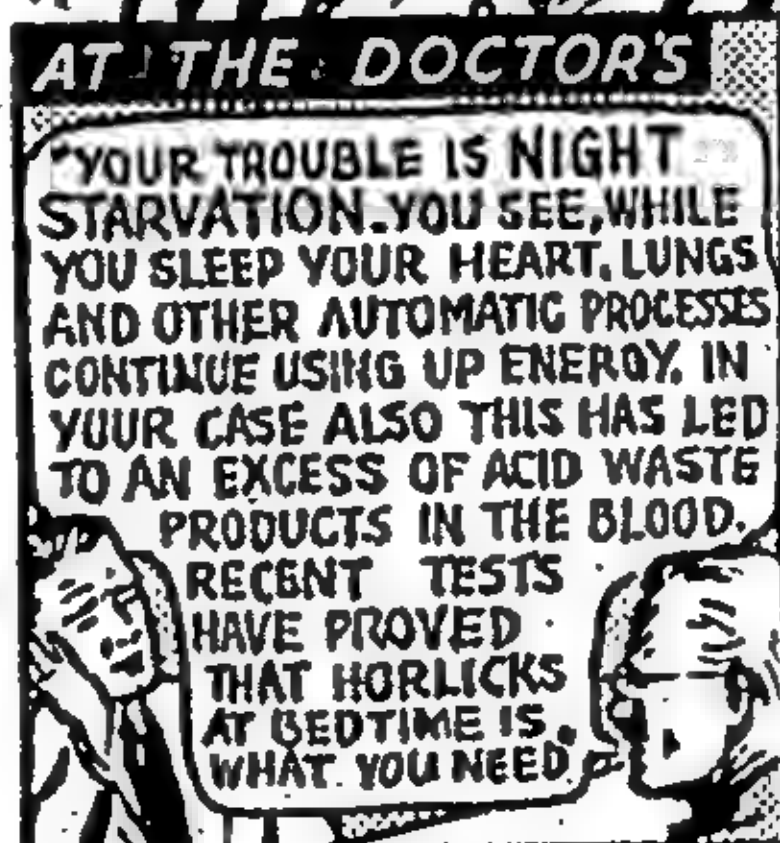
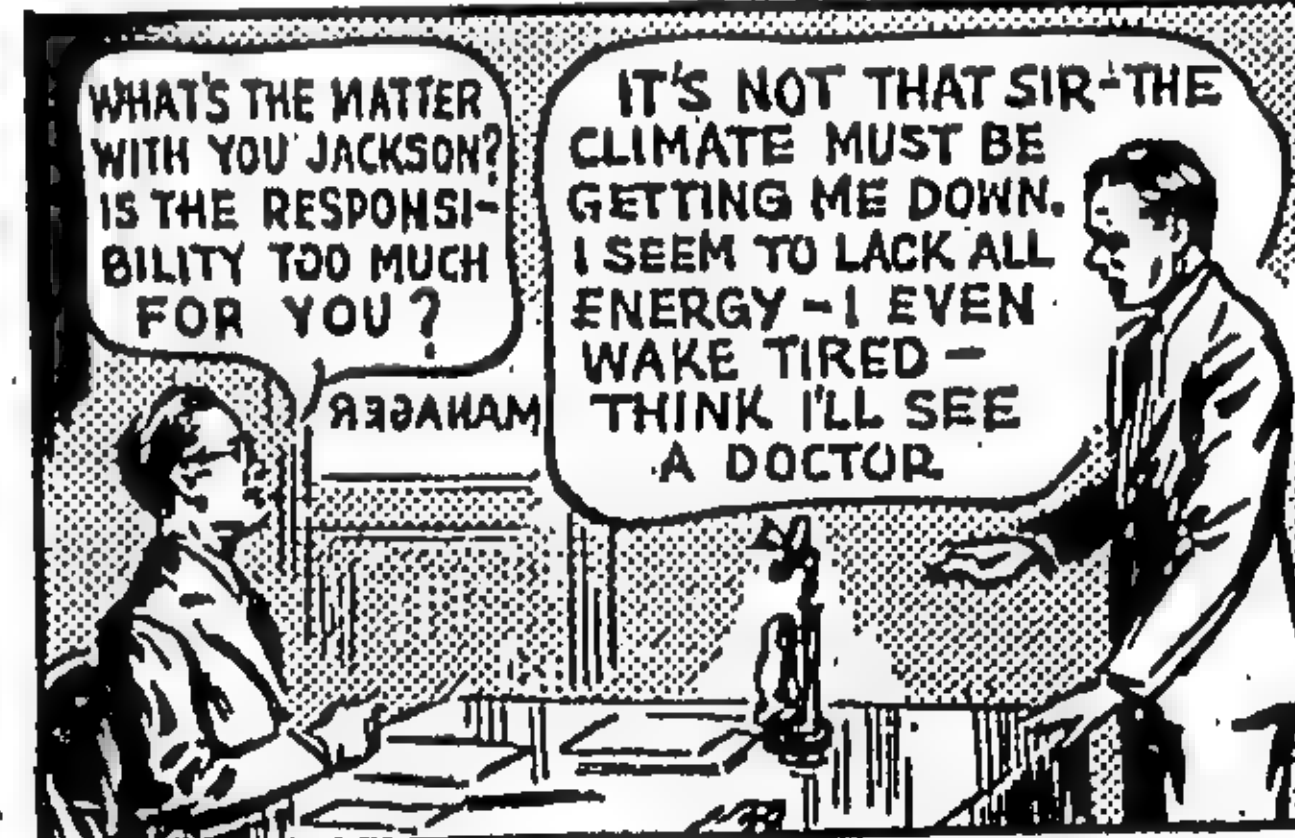


ANNUAL DINNER—Photograph taken at the annual dinner of the Garrison Sergeants' Mess at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



VALEDICTORY—Chinese members of the staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. were hosts at dinner recently to Mr. J. N. Swamy, who is leaving the Colony. (Photo: Sai Woo).

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BERLIN

BERLIN is the city with a "hangover"—a hangover from victory.

No metropolis in the world ever enjoyed such triumphs as the Berliners have done in the last few years. They have lined Unter den Linden in their tens of thousands and "killed" victory procession after victory procession. They have thronged round the Chancellery to applaud their Führer on his latest stroke of success—Austria engulfed, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and then the over-running of Western Europe, culminating in the fantastic smashing of France.

Confident—Then

Moreover, Goering had promised the city immunity from air attack. The early leaflet raids had been a joke. Berlin's A.A. defences had not brought down the raids because at that stage they did not want to disclose their disposition. The Berliners were free to enjoy their victories.

True, their city was much more drab than it used to be. There were no taxis in the streets and very little other traffic.

Their food had improved slightly with the conquest of the rich countries to the west, though restaurant prices were unpleasantly high.

They enjoyed the luxury of warm water on two days a week, and of real soap—as opposed to ersatz almost never. These hardships they accepted in the confidence that they would soon disappear.

BUT there was always a sub-acid flavour to these easy triumphs—and to-day comes the "hang-over." The same Berliners, cramped and ill-tempered, crawl out of their shelters in the early hours of the morning after the nightly visitation of the R.A.F.—planes which were not supposed to come. They are asking themselves what exactly these triumphs add up to. They have gained a precarious empire and lost their personal security.

Real Worry

They have cause to worry. Their city has more targets than any other capital in Europe.

The Tempelhof airport is more central than Croydon is to London. Their arms factories are as important as those in the Ruhr. In the centre of densely populated areas are other great plants—the A.E.G. electrical works, the gigantic Siemens works, the aircraft factories.

To-day the Berliner has not quite the same palate for the butter that is coming in from Denmark or the coffee from Brussels, or the goods that have been looted from Paris.

He knows that these will come to an end—but he suspects, in spite of Dr. Goebbels, that the R.A.F. raids will go on and on.

As always, when the Berliner feels himself up against trouble, he takes refuge in a despondently cynical joke. Their latest is to wish each other a "splinter-less" night.

ROME

WHEN Italian A.A. guns blazed away in panic some months ago at non-existent British planes over Rome have been cleared to shelter the and injured two of their own modern Roman from the possibilities with falling shrapnel, the result of a new Imperial the Axis howl went up that policy.

Britain had deliberately bombed the most sacred city in Europe, the centre of the Roman Catholic faith and the custodian of the greatest relics of Western civilisation.

The story was manifestly false, but, while failing to discredit the Allies, it has had the boomerang effect of raising an awkward doubt in the mind of the twentieth-century Roman.

He is not quite certain whether he has a "safety ticket" in the countless memorials of Rome, its 400 odd churches and the sanctity of the Vatican City.

Papal Colours

He has provided for eventualities in the typical Italian manner—without the organising thoroughness of the senior partner in the Axis but with an eye to effect.

The churches are now picked out in the Papal colours of white and yellow to make identification easy from the air. Millions of sandbags are tied up against the ancient monuments of the city. The Colosseum

For weeks the "Hongkong Telegraph" has been trying to discover the whole truth about how Europe, and particularly German-occupied Europe, is living to-day.

The Nazis are endeavouring to conceal the real facts. Therefore accurate information has been difficult to gain. Masses of material, apparently authentic, has proved on investigation to be tainted and biased. All such information has been discarded.

But, with the aid of unimpeachable neutral sources and particularly of certain famous American journalists, we have been able to build up, piece by piece, item by item, the first accurate story of how Europe is living to-day. Here it is—uncensored.

OSLO

THE Norwegians are not cowed. In their capital of Oslo they are making the Nazis uncomfortable.

The Germans began—characteristically—by placarding a shop "Jewish business."

The housewives of the quarter replied by forming a queue in the street and bringing the shopkeeper the best trade he had ever had.

That is just one instance.

Five At A Film

Girls who walk, talk, or flirt with German soldiers have their heads shaven by their own friends and relatives.

Often everybody in a restaurant gets up and goes out when a German party comes in.

Likewise, the citizens are sabotaging any attempts made by the invaders to give the capital a "normal" appearance.

The Nazis made a gesture to the population by opening theatres and cinemas again. The people simply stayed away.

At a showing, one night, of the best film in Oslo, five people made up the house.

A Typical Night

And that was a typical night.

There is rationing, of course—the tale which has to be told of any city which the Germans enter. But there is not, apparently, the acute food shortage that exists elsewhere. Norway has always lived on the fat of the land.

In the cafes there are fights between Nazi troops and young Norwegians. The Horst Wessel Lied is often drowned by "Ja, vi elsker," the Norwegian National Anthem.

Demonstrations for a free Norway and King Håkon every day worry Himmler's Gestapo agents.

BRUSSELS

TO Brussels, as to Paris, the Germans carried their new doctrine of polite overlordship. Whereas Warsaw was destroyed, Paris and Brussels were treated—according to Nazi notions—"politely."

In Brussels the German soldier is courteous, affable even; sickhearted Belgians see him giving up his seat in the trams to the old and infirm, watch him distributing cigarettes to beggars.

Occasionally the Commandant announces that such-and-such a Nazi has been found guilty of disrespect to a civilian; he is led through the streets, manacled.

No Patrol

BUT that is the only "sunny side" to a grim picture. Brussels, formerly so gay a city, is dead now.

There is little motor traffic. There is no patrol for the few cars which the Germans have not requisitioned.

Leopold remains in isolation in the chateau of Laeken, just outside the city.

Work—By Order

THE German propagandists are trying to persuade the Brusselsers that they have come to bring them prosperity. They tell them that all employers have instructions to find work for at least three-quarters of their pre-war employees—this despite the almost total absence of raw materials.

But they are not so successful with the peasant community, who see that the German occupation will bring them ruin.

WARSAW

WOODEN beams and metal girders from the 6,000 wrecked homes of Warsaw are now being sent to Germany to help repair the damage caused by R.A.F. bombs.

The capital of Poland, a year after the bombardments, is still finding and burying its dead.

City Squares

In the city squares and greens, in the courtyards of mansion houses, haphazard graves dug between air raid alarms are yielding up corpses—and the metal handles of coffins needed by the German Reich.

The capital faces a winter of starvation, pestilence, and suffering beyond the ken of civilised man.

It is a city of living dead, more than 1,600 houses were razed to the ground and 4,000 bombed to ruins. There has been no restoration yet.

The Royal Palace, the Bank of National Economy, the Polytechnic, and the Hotel Bristol are heaps of masonry.

A German soldier who has been on duty in the town recently, said: "It is one great cemetery. Sower rats come up into houses looking for food. When they are caught they are eaten."

Dogs fetch 10s. each, prepared as food. Coal costs £5 a ton. Soap is practically unobtainable at 6s. a lb.

VICHY

VICHY was once a health resort. There is perhaps no more unhealthy place in France to-day. It is full of people who are sick at heart; for them no waters, no bracing air, provide or will provide a "cure."

To Vichy, once a charming town, came the Government of Surrender. Came, also, a rigid black-out, the closing of cinemas, casinos, and lidos.

To-day, in place of these attractions, two cinemas, open in day-time only, show to enervated diplomats ten-years-old films.

Autumn Tang

The late summer rains are bringing the tang of autumn to a city where it was always spring; it is now always autumn.

Even Pierre Laval, the shady man in France, is suffering. He had just completed a 21-days "cure" for sluggishness of the liver before he was dismissed.

The diplomats, who yearn for Paris even now that it is overrun by Nazis, find slight consolation in the company of their kind.

The Hotel du Parc is the main headquarters of the Petain Government; almost all the diplomats are quartered in one or other of two hotels which are connected by a covered causeway.

Button Holing

Every day diplomats, going about their business, meet in this shady corridor. They cannot avoid meeting.

And there, with button-holing and whispering, spring and burgeon the countless rumours in which are Vichy's staple diet.

Vichy is full of tears, of sentries who pound the deserted, strained, sad faces; of frustrated hopes. It is also full of pretty women.

But, like the other capital of showpiece of an aggressor's France, it is almost empty of laughter and almost empty of mind may be: "Where is my next meal coming from."

PARIS

PARIS, once the Mecca of sightseers, still is. To her famed memorials, her luscious parks and gardens, still come sightseers in thousands—from Germany.

Hitler is showing off his Paris prize. It is the best propaganda he can offer to his own duped people.

The whole German army, division by division, is being taken to Paris to see the sights. From bombed Germany thousands of civilians are being trip-trained for a few days of gluttonous gazing at the city drenched in beauty and in history.

Poster Mockery

Bulldog Reynaud's National Service posters have been stripped from the walls: in their place cynical pictures showing German soldiers with babies in their arms. "The German soldier is the children's friend," says the legend.

Parisians look pale at it, remembering the children of France mown down, machine-gunned, blasted and bombed by the German soldiers.

But they do not demonstrate. They reserve their anger. There are few scenes. The Nazis are on their best behaviour. The officers are installed in the famous hotels—the Ritz, Maxim's, Maurice, Crillon.

The soldiers, unctuously polite, help aged women across the roads.

The young women have their revenge. They ignore, freeze, isolate the amorous German soldiery.

MEANWHILE, the Nazis are engaged in turning Paris into a gigantic changing-house.

The Reichsmark, arbitrarily fixed at the value of 20 francs to 1 Rm (the pre-war rate was about 11), buys them the luxuries which Germany has not known for many months. Silk stockings, lingerie, jewellery, watches, clothing; these have almost vanished from the shops of Paris. They are across the Rhine adorning the wives and friends of the invading soldiers.

The Problem

BUT there is a problem looming which must stir uneasily in the minds even of the humble Food.

Soon, perhaps, even in Paris, the question in every laugh and almost empty of mind may be: "Where is my next meal coming from."

MOSCOW

MOSCOW is at peace. An uneasy peace, but peace all the same. The citizens, were, The French have disappeared; the British have been whittled down; there are a few Germans, but their Reichsmarks are not popular.

And so Moscow once again has become a city where people work to eat and do not work to enjoy the fullness of living.

The public conveyances reflect this problem. The auto buses are jammed; travel is uncomfortable. Moscow is a place where the millions mill around the traffic stops. Private cars are few and taxis prohibited.

Chess Player

BUT, fundamentally, your Russian is as keen an amateur politician as he is a chess player, and the foreign news and the maps of the war zones are keenly acceptable. The special groups, which explain the developments in the international situation are well attended, and the earnest Russian workmen pack the factories, offices, schools, and parks where such classes are held, in order to have the mysterious doings of the outside world explained to them.

Rather like the Berliners, the Russians in Moscow make great play of their day of rest. They use it for relaxation and for getting sunbaked. They return to Moscow packed in the stuffy suburban trains, tanned and relaxed, their arms full of wild flowers, their baskets full of mushrooms.



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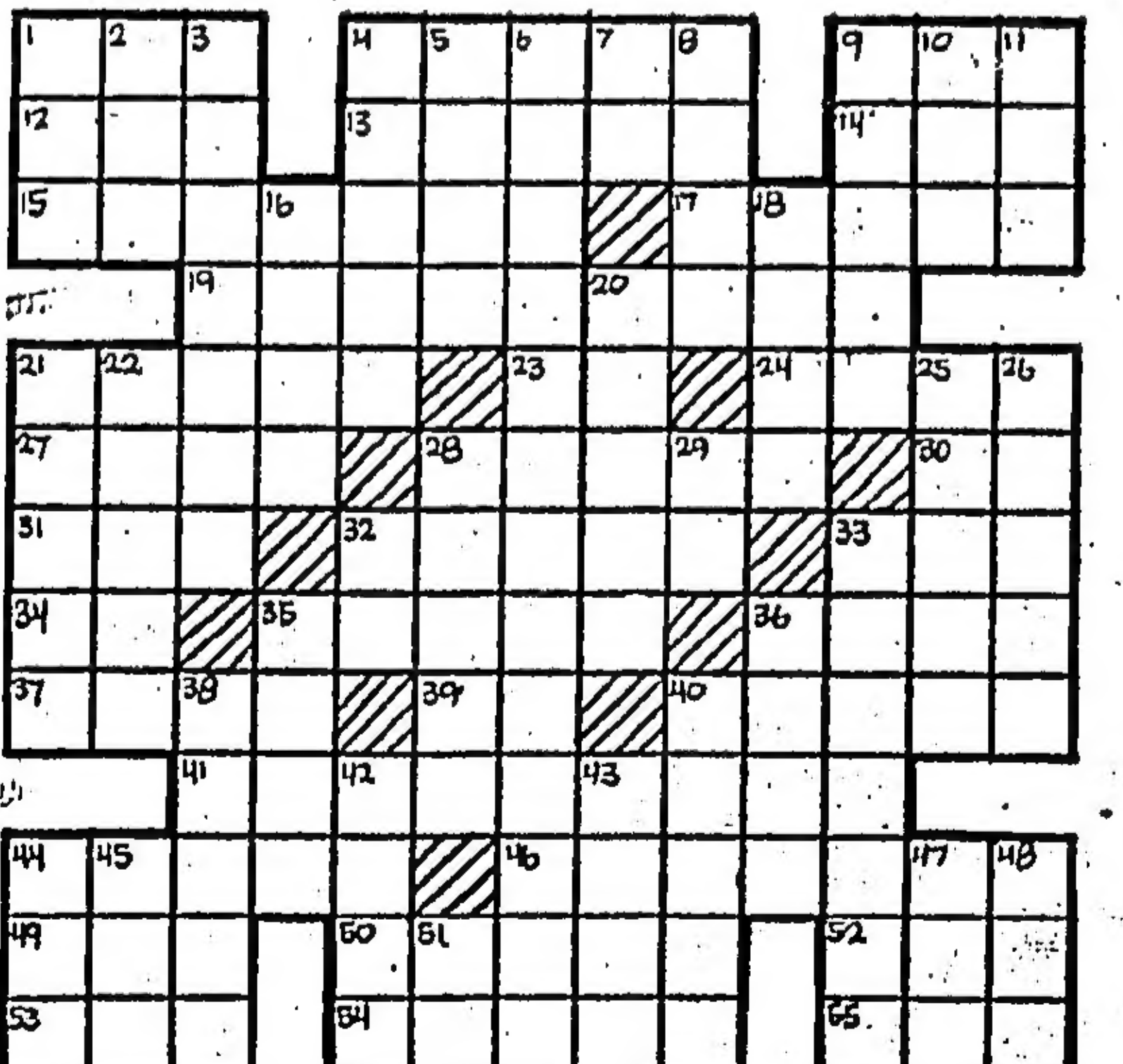
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"The Voyage." By Charles Morgan. (Macmillan, 8s. 6d.)

A new novel by Charles Morgan always causes an acute division among his reviewers, those that bless and those that ban. There may be the same division among the general public, and certainly there is some such division in the present reviewer, who finds that the second reading of a Morgan novel is unfailingly better than the first. Of how many English novelists can that be said?

It seems that Morgan's novels need to be reread to be properly appreciated. With "The Voyage," it is the same. If the reader does not willingly and with submission enter the realm that the novelist has created, he is not your author. Accept his kingdom, and your reward is splendid.

Morgan's world is a kind of spiritual world that is hard to enter, but there his characters, always noble and simple of heart, meet and talk. And to penetrate to that land, it is necessary for the reader to be at heart "as a little child."

The present book is an analysis of the love of Barbet, the bird-loving, idealistic hero, and Therese, a girl from an opposite world. The tale is tenderly and poetically told, and is moving in a quiet, intelligent way. It is certainly a novel to be read—and perhaps is the best published in the last season.

"Babes in the Darkling Wood." By H. C. Wells. (Secker and Warburg, 9d. 6d.)

In his introduction Mr Wells defends the novel of ideas. Even if it were necessary it is rather late in the day for an apology,

for years through his fictional characters he has expressed his own hopes and forebodings, his own philosophy.

The "babes" in his latest novel are a pair of well-educated, highly sensitive youngsters. They love each other, and their love fans the flame of social passion; intensifies their desire to carve out a better world.

It is really Mr Wells—in his eternal youth—talking; and it is Mr Wells talking through the Cambridge Don and telling the disciples of Freud where they have gone off the track. For

BOOKS

opposition there are the boy's explosive uncle and the girl's conventional mother. There are brilliant descriptions of the horrors of war in Poland and Finland, and the author has given his characters sufficient individuality to make the reader interested in their long dissertations. This is an urgent novel for the times.

"The Black Baroness." By Dennis Wheatley. (Hutchinson, 9s. 6d.)

Hitler's secret weapon, it appears, was the Black Baroness, a lady of French nationality who was the secret commander-in-chief of the female section of the Fifth Column. Under her direction hordes of young and beautiful girls ensnared the lesser politicians and officials, while she tackled in succession the King of Norway, King Leopold, Mussolini and finally the French Government.

The secret agent, Gregory Sallust, is always on her track, and the story of his intrepid adventures, together with the day-by-day account of the tragic events between last spring and the fall of France, will attract Mr Wheatley's admirers. It is all rather naive, although nothing in the book is as disarming as the author's apology for his "slipshod" grammar in the preliminary "note."

"Two Feet from Heaven." By P. C. Wren. (Murray, 8s. 6d.)

This story grips and stirs the emotions in the true Wren style. It shows how the life of Richard Neystoke, the charming vicar of Little Pudding, is marred and finally blasted, not by the memory of an isolated sin of the past, but in his complete inability at any time in his career to face up to life and accept reverse or responsibilities.

A further indictment of the hard life and conditions under which the poor live; and a revelation of how skilful psycho-analysis can help in the treatment of illness—of both of which Major Wren writes seriously and convincingly.

Other Books To Read

"Siren Song." By A. P. Herbert. (Methuen, 3s. 6d.)

"One, Two, Buckle My Shoe." By Agatha Christie. (Collins, 7s. 6d.)

"Memoirs of Madame Pilsudski." (Hurst and Blackett, 10s. 6d.)

"Lotte in Weimar." By Thomas Mann. (Secker and Warburg, 9s. 6d.)

"Jorkens has a Large Whiskey." By Lord Dunsany. (Putnam, 8s. 6d.)

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PICTURES ON THE STAIRS



The staircase is often an ideal spot for snapshots at home. In this picture of a small girl off to her afternoon nap, note how an interesting effect of sunshine and shadow has been created by clever placing of photo lights.

IN MANY houses, one of the best picture locations—and one of the most neglected—is the stairway. If you've never taken pictures on the stairs, give some thought to it now—there may be any number of unusual picture opportunities waiting for you.

Several features of the staircase make it a good location for snapshots. In the first place, it enables you to place a subject at different elevations; and in the second place, the pattern of trends and banisters helps provide an interesting or decorative setting. If the staircase is unusual in design, with novel breaks, a curving rail, curving or wrought-iron work, its value as a setting may be even greater.

With many staircases, interesting shadow effects can be obtained.

by proper placing of photo lights. Often, lighting effects may be evolved which suggest sunlight. An interesting example of how lighting can be utilized to create a novel shadow pattern is seen in the picture above.

Stairs may be used as a background to make a person appear taller, and they are especially good as a setting for snapshots of the children, with a "bedtime" or "breakfast-time" theme. Some stairways lend themselves to interesting angle shots and novel compositions.

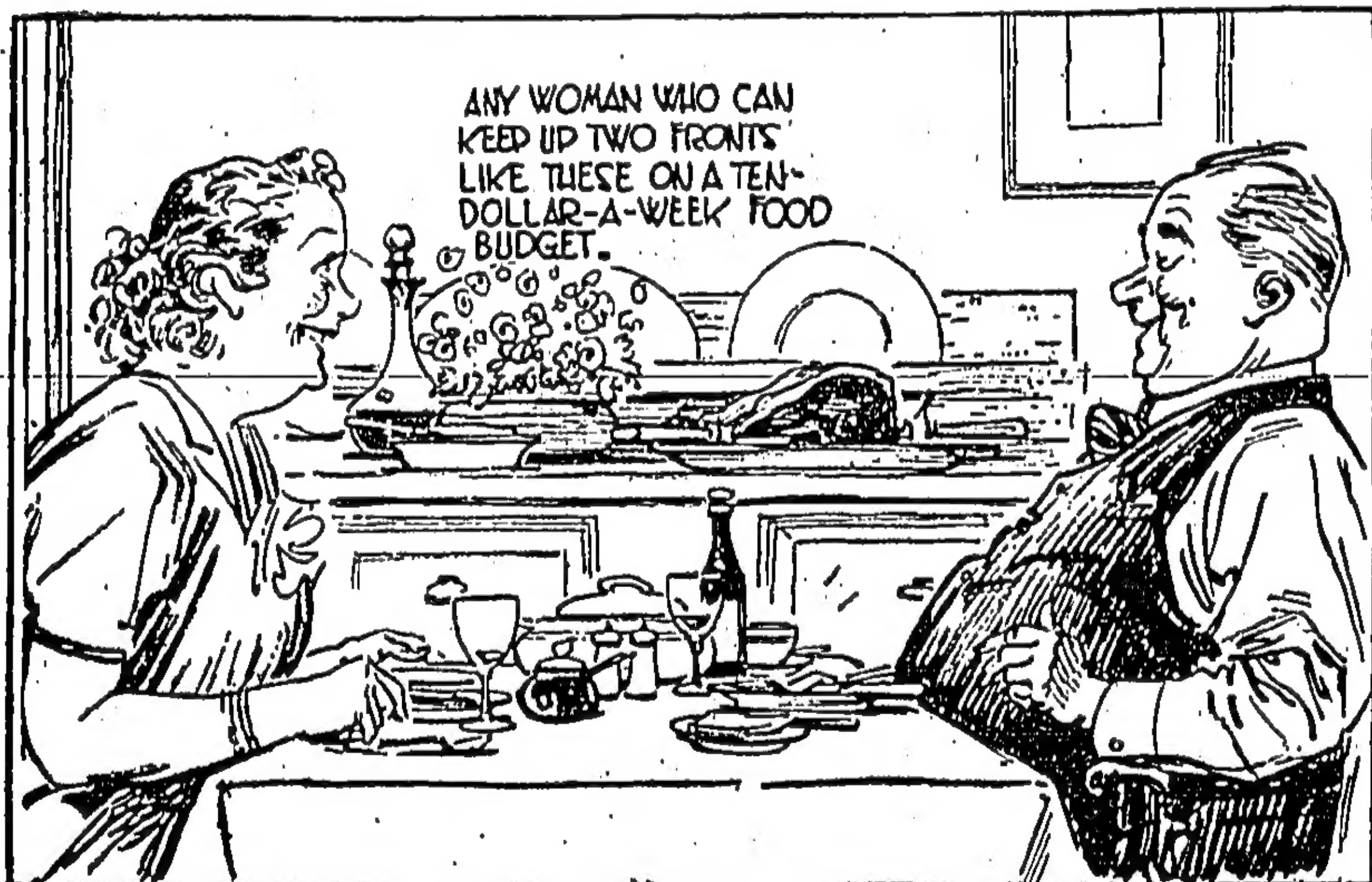
Try your hand at "staircase snapshots." Experiment with various picture ideas, lighting effects, and camera angles, and the chances are you'll find a number of good shots to add to your picture collection.

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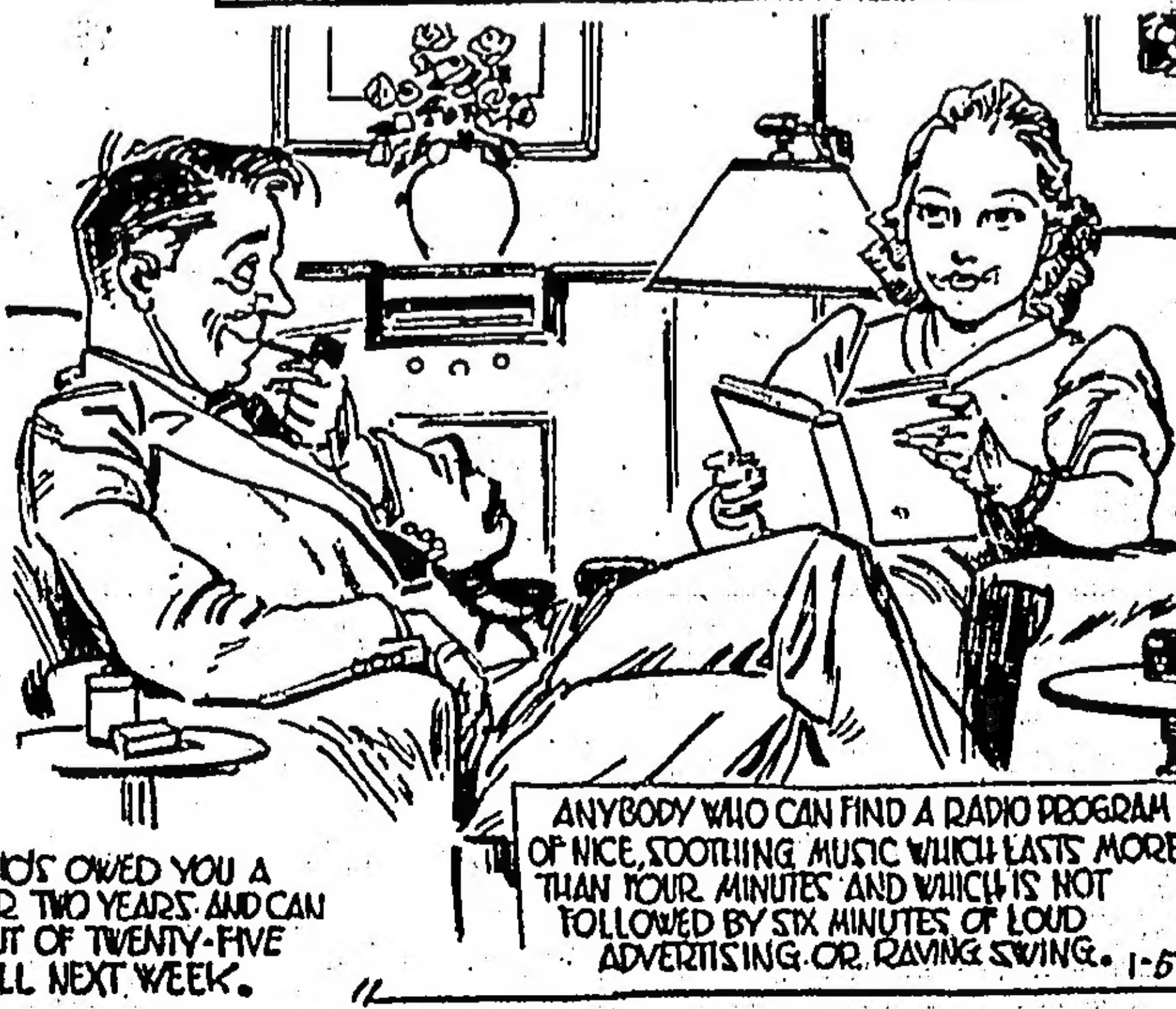
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SAFARI

Big game hunting seems to be a matter of minor importance nowadays when so many people are using guns for other purposes, but "Safari," which comes to the Queen's Theatre tomorrow, has an air of topicality.

The hero, leader of countless hunting expeditions in Africa, is anxious, though an American, to have a share in the war. The European volcano is about to burst before the hunting trip has started, and when it is over the leader and the lady friend of the financier of the expedition have decided to face the new life together.

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., looks the part as the virile American who exclaims, "This war is everybody's business," and Madeleine Carroll, as the lady in the piece, is her usual charming self. Tullio Carminati is appropriately imposing as the wealthy baron who promotes the hunting trip.

There is lively action in the film, and the jungle, with its wild inhabitants, provides a colourful background.

The Cisco Kid and the Lady

On the screen of the King's Theatre to-morrow, O. Henry's famous bandit returns in another exposition of colourful dare-deviltry.

This time, the Kid is bequeathed a share of a gold mine map, the other portion being in the hands of the bad men. The action of the film revolves around the efforts of respective sides to determine the exact location of the mine. It is unnecessary, perhaps, to state that the Kid finally emerge winner.

Cesar Romero has stepped easily into the shoes of Warner Baxter in the role of the Cisco Kid. He is a gorgeously swaggering bandit of the Robin Hood type, and a Galahad thrown into the bargain.

Marjorie Weaver plays the school teacher to whom the Kid turns over the mine, and Virginia Field, whose acting in "Of Mice and Men" many will remember, is the robust saloon maid who clearly knows where to hide the map in an emergency. Comedy proceeds from Chris-Pin Martin as an obese caballero, and the villainy in the piece is in the hands of Robert Barratt.

Britain's R. A. F.

This "March of Time" production, made with the help of the Air Ministry, is showing at the King's next week together with the film, "Men Against the Sky."

It is a factual record of R.A.F. organisation and achievement. First we are conducted behind the scenes of a day-to-day air raid to the nerve centres of defence.

Bombers are signalled approaching the coast, Spitfires and Hurricanes crowd the sky, moving in long, straight, devastating lines to their targets. The roar of engines, battle-hymn of the fighters, comes up like thunder behind.

Then we cut to the work of organising the fight—to the Bomber, Fighter and Coastal Commands.

The massing of our air resources, men and machines, piling up from every part of the Empire, is vividly presented.

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Songs Switch From KHAKI TO KISSES

By
ERNEST BETTS

WHAT has happened to the gay, melodious, temperamental song-hit trade since the rafters rang with all those war tunes?

What is Tin Pan Alley doing? What songs will charm us from Hollywood this winter, what themes arise from the trumpets of Charing Cross-road?

A few months ago every new film, every big broadcast, every great chorus rolled out a barrel or hung out the washing on the Siegfried Line.

R.A.F. men, Army men, at canteens and smokers, said Good-bye to Sally or Followed the White Line or yelled "Kiss Me Good-night, Sergeant-Major," to an accompaniment of fruity wisecracks unacknowledged by King's Regulations.

Gracie Fields sang "The Grandest Song of All." "There'll Always be an England" sang Gracie.

That seems a long time ago.

The music publishers have been very cagey about their plans ever since.

What is to replace those memorable ditties? I will tell you.

Sentimental numbers, old-fashioned songs, songs of lovers and romantics, intimate and snappy duets. And no musical notes about the war.

ARTISTS' IDEAL MODEL

One of Hollywood's unknowns, petite Kathleen Ellis, stand-in for Anna Neagle, made the All-American "Glamour Team" when famous artist McClelland Barclay selected her copper tresses to crown his ideal composite Hollywood model.

In the film capital to paint a life-size portrait of Miss Neagle to be used in "No, No, Nanette," America's most successful painter of beautiful women named eight famous stars as possessing the features he would most like to find in an artist's ideal model.

After naming Kathleen Ellis as the girl with the most lovely hair, Barclay made the following selections: brow, Deanna Durbin; eyes, Carole Lombard; nose, Anna Neagle; lips, Hedy Lamarr; chin line, Madeleine Carroll; throat, Anna Sten; shoulder, Carole Lombard; all-round figure, Paulette Goddard.

The new vogue is post-Dunkirk. After Dunkirk nobody wanted military marches, bugles, drumbeats.

Hence the current transformation.

Did you know that the four biggest hits at the moment in Britain, not excepting the work of Bing Crosby, Deanna Durbin, and Judy Garland, are headed by a simple, almost Victorian ballad?

It is called "I'll Walk With You," and has already sold 100,000 copies. That, my dear Toscanini, is real music.

After the ballad, Cole Porter's melodious muse arrives with "Begin the Beguine." It is fifteen months old. After that, "All The Things You Are," by Jerome ("Showboat") Kern hits the keyboard.

Frances Day is singing this in her new play now on tour, "Divorce for Chrystabel." If Frances starts something like this you can bet your life it will continue. It is the biggest hit since "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes."

Then comes a ten-year-old number, "Sleepy Lagoon," by Eric Coates. Dorothy Carless, the B.B.C.'s Number One vocalist, has given new life to this number on the air.

Carroll Gibbons, who plays at the Savoy and is a sort of humming bee of popular songs, thinks we're in for a big romantic revival in popular music.

"Revivals are enormously popular," he told me. Judy Garland's song, "I'm Nobody's Baby," from the latest "Andy Hardy" film, is a case in point. It was written in 1922!

Carroll is confirmed by the Hollywood film men. "No, No, Nanette," "Little Nelly Kelly," even "Bitter Sweet," which will be coming to you shortly, have the nostalgic flavour of fluttering hearts and magic moons.

More modern but still, fluttering is the music to Bing Crosby's "Rhythm on the River" and M.G.M.'s "Strike Up The Band," which is an old Gershwin core revived.

Finally, Deanna Durbin and Marlene Dietrich are falling in love again in a brace of light fantastic musicals—the first in "Spring Parade" and the second in "Seven Sinners."

A Line on Hollywood

Jimmy Stewart landing his plane at Clover Field and discovering himself in the middle of a flock of expert pilots... Maureen O'Sullivan making her first public speech before 6700 persons at a benefit in Ottawa, Canada... Ann Southern appearing for a copper-topped coffee table for her sunporch... Hedy Lamarr giving an impromptu song recital between scenes on the "Comrade X" set... Jeanette MacDonald making preparations for her concert tour, this winter... Nelson Eddy busy making new phonograph recordings... Bob Taylor's flying teacher, Max Constat, off to Hagerstown, Maryland, to pick up Taylor's new ship... Ruth Hussey buying two Oriental rugs and a priceless chest at the auction of the estate of Princess Der Ling... Greer Garson off on a ten-day trip over the Redwood Highway... Clark Gable spraying his orange trees in anticipation of a record crop of fruit... he's getting more spray, on himself than on the trees, he says... Jack Conway's prize black Angus bull capturing the first prize at the County Fair... Katharine Hepburn receiving wires of congratulation from the film cast of "Philadelphia Story" when she opened with a re-run of the play... George Cukor off on a trip to New York to see the new shows... Norma Shearer spending the few remaining days at the seashore taking advantage of the warm weather at her beach home... Ann Rutherford returning to Greenville, South Carolina, for the annual Cotton Festival... June Preisner entertaining her brother Samuel from New Orleans... Billie Burke considering an offer to appear in a stage play... Marjorie Main compiling material for a book on the life of her husband, Dr. Stanley Krebs... Judy Garland parting with her consils at a local hospital... Dan Dailey, Jr., spending spare hours breaking in a new horse... Lana Turner back from San Francisco where she was maid of honor at the wedding of a school chum... Virginia Weidler taking a library course in the Research Department at the studio... Joan Crawford completing the reading of 125 plays in New York... Myrna Loy out on a shopping tour for winter hats—she buys hats first, then the dresses to go with them.

Barrymore Writing Memoirs

Lionel Barrymore, between etching and composing music, has finally made up his mind to pursue a plan he has had for many years. He has started writing his memoirs of stage and screen.

Three chapters have already been completed, dealing with his early stage days, his parents, John Drew, Modjeska and other famous Broadway figures. He tells of great performances, with intimate notes on Nat Goodwin, James A. Hearn and others.

In further chapters he will go into early screen days with D. W. Griffith, and carry the narrative up to the present time.

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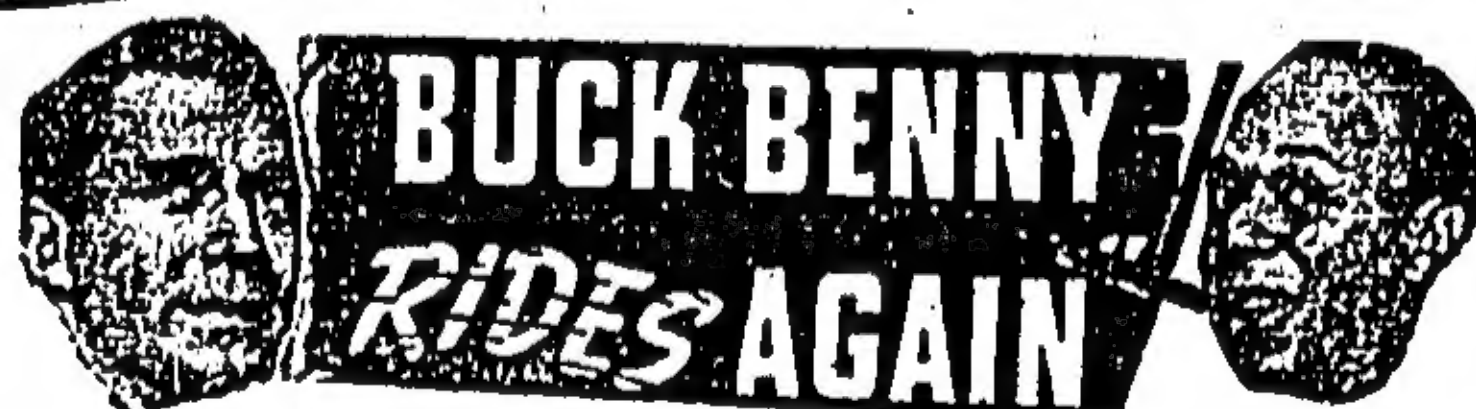
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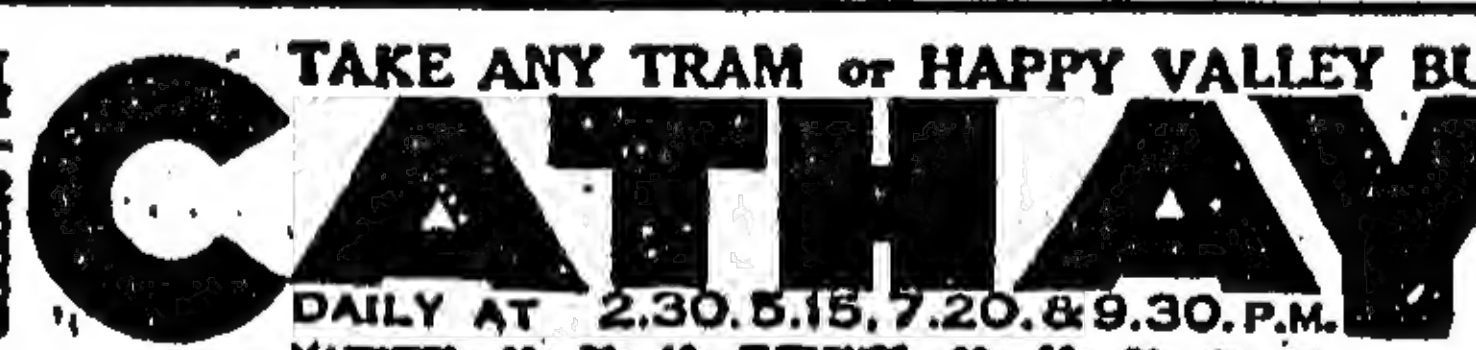
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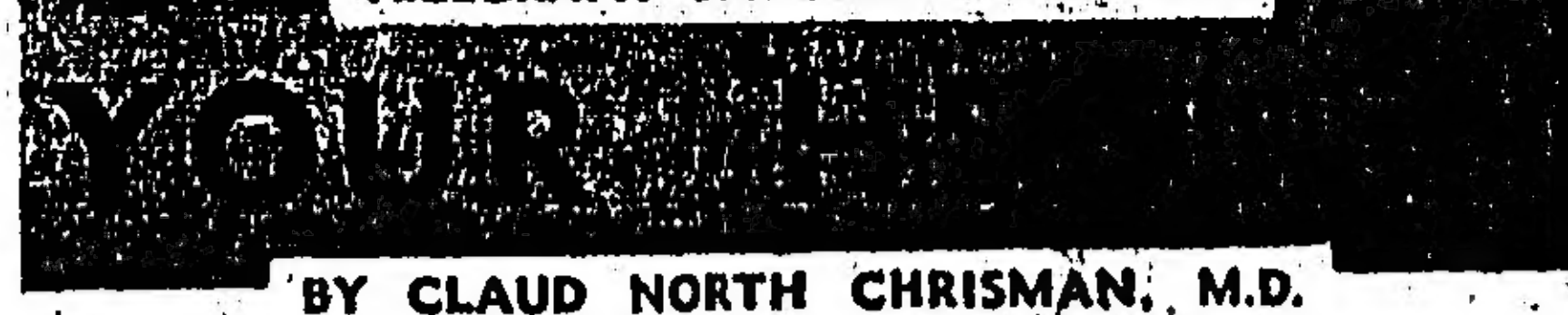
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EARLY CARE OF BRONCHITIS WARDS OFF CHRONIC STAGE

BRONCHITIS, which is an inflammation of the inner lining of the bronchial tubes, is one of the most common and distressing diseases of the respiratory tract. We have acute and chronic bronchitis.

The acute condition accompanies almost all of the common colds. The victim feels the distress of the common cold followed by tickling in the throat and a tightness under the breast bone. There may be more or less fever and general malaise, followed by a dry cough. Soon the mucus liquefies and expectoration becomes profuse and the patient gets better.

But, if the resistance is low and the inflammation severe, the cough and tightness persist and the disease becomes chronic. Then we have a condition that may lead to anything. Almost all cases of bronchial asthma can trace their beginnings to an acute bronchitis which becomes chronic and is followed by the development of symptoms of asthma.

The inflamed bronchial tubes reduce the resistance of tissues to other disease germs and provide an excellent hotbed for the development of more serious conditions such as tuberculosis, pneumonia and other lung conditions. Any cough which persists for several weeks after a cold should be examined by a physician to forestall the development of such complications.

Persists Throughout Life

A chronic bronchitis once established is likely to persist throughout life and the cough of old folks is the result with all its annoyance and disability gradually increasing. The patient never is able to get enough air to supply oxygen to the tissues, and he is always tired and lacks energy enough to carry on an active life. Bronchitis is a dangerous disease, especially as a result of complications. Thus it behooves us to prevent its progress.

Prevention of the common cold and cure of the acute disease are imperative. Active treatment in the beginning will generally prevent bronchitis from becoming chronic. Complete rest in bed, good food, and avoidance of exhaustion and exposure to cold and wet usually result in cure. We are all too prone to neglect its care. We say, "Oh, it's only a cold!" and continue our usual work until it grows severe and infection becomes deeply seated when cure proves far more difficult.

Most of us possess enough resistance to overcome the acute trouble if we give nature a chance. Many of us are prone to prescribe an initial laxative, especially calomel. Some doctors say this is not necessary. They are often right, but since many patients are habitually constipated with much toxic material locked up in the intestinal canal, and since an acute cold reduces the secretion of fluids temporarily, I feel that emptying the intestinal canal is advisable.

Avoid Saline Laxatives

Indeed, in many cases I find that the patient is decidedly better after

such treatment. Saline laxatives are not advisable; they act quickly but retard the action of other drugs for some hours. Evacuation followed by a hot water bottle or a mustard plaster to the chest will relieve the congestion.

Sometimes remedies to cause a mild perspiration are also helpful for this condition. Rest in bed till the acute symptoms have passed along, with good food and plenty of fresh air, usually will result in recovery. Cough mixtures do no good in the early stages. Later such remedies are prescribed as the iodides or ammonium chloride which liquefy the mucous secretions, afford much relief.

These continued efforts to avoid a recurrence of the acute attacks will prevent the condition from becoming chronic. If the condition persists, careful examination is needed to ward off tuberculosis. Care of the general health, avoidance of exposure to cold and wet and seeking of a warm climate in winter will keep the condition within reasonable bounds.

GOING ON LEAVE

Traffic Inspector S. C. Saunders of the Hongkong Police will be leaving for Sydney, Australia, on leave next week. During his absence, Sub-Inspector F. J. Clarke will be in charge of the Traffic Office.

Inspector Saunders' wife and two children are evacuees in Sydney. He expects to return to the Colony some time in April.

Governor At Fanling

Since Christmas Eve, His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt. Gen. E. J. Norton, has been suffering from a form of intermittent fever, which, though not of a serious nature, has been sufficiently exhausting for his medical advisers to order him a week's complete rest. He was therefore reluctantly compelled to cancel his engagement on January 3 to visit the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock, and to dine with the Sino-British Cultural Association, and was also unable to pay the further visit which he had planned to the Trade Exhibition.

Instead of returning to Government House on January 2, he is remaining at Fanling Lodge until January 6, when it is hoped that he will be able to return to Government House.

At the time of going to press he is so much better that he hopes to go out with the Fanling Hunt on January 5. The cause of the fever is still obscure, but it is definitely not malaria.

LATE NEWS

S'hai Manager Sent To Prison

SHANGHAI, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—P. J. MacKellar, former manager of the Travel Department of the American Express, was yesterday sentenced to five years' hard labour by Judge P. Grant Jones in H.B.M. Supreme Court for China on a charge of embezzling certain sums of money from the American Express over a period of a year.

The trial occupied four and a half days and required four months of investigation before it could commence.

MacKellar was originally employed as a clerk and was rapidly promoted to the position as manager of the Travel Department of the firm. After a period of a little over a year in this position, the auditor of the company discovered errors in the accounts and had MacKellar arrested.

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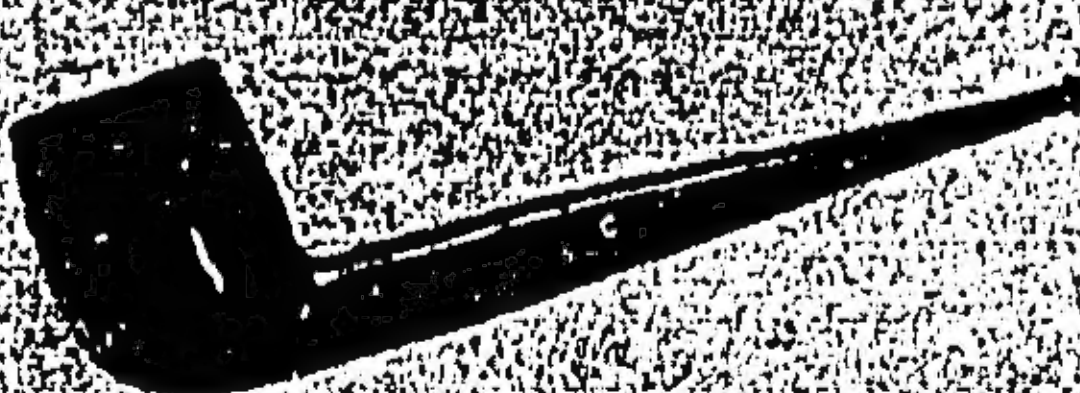
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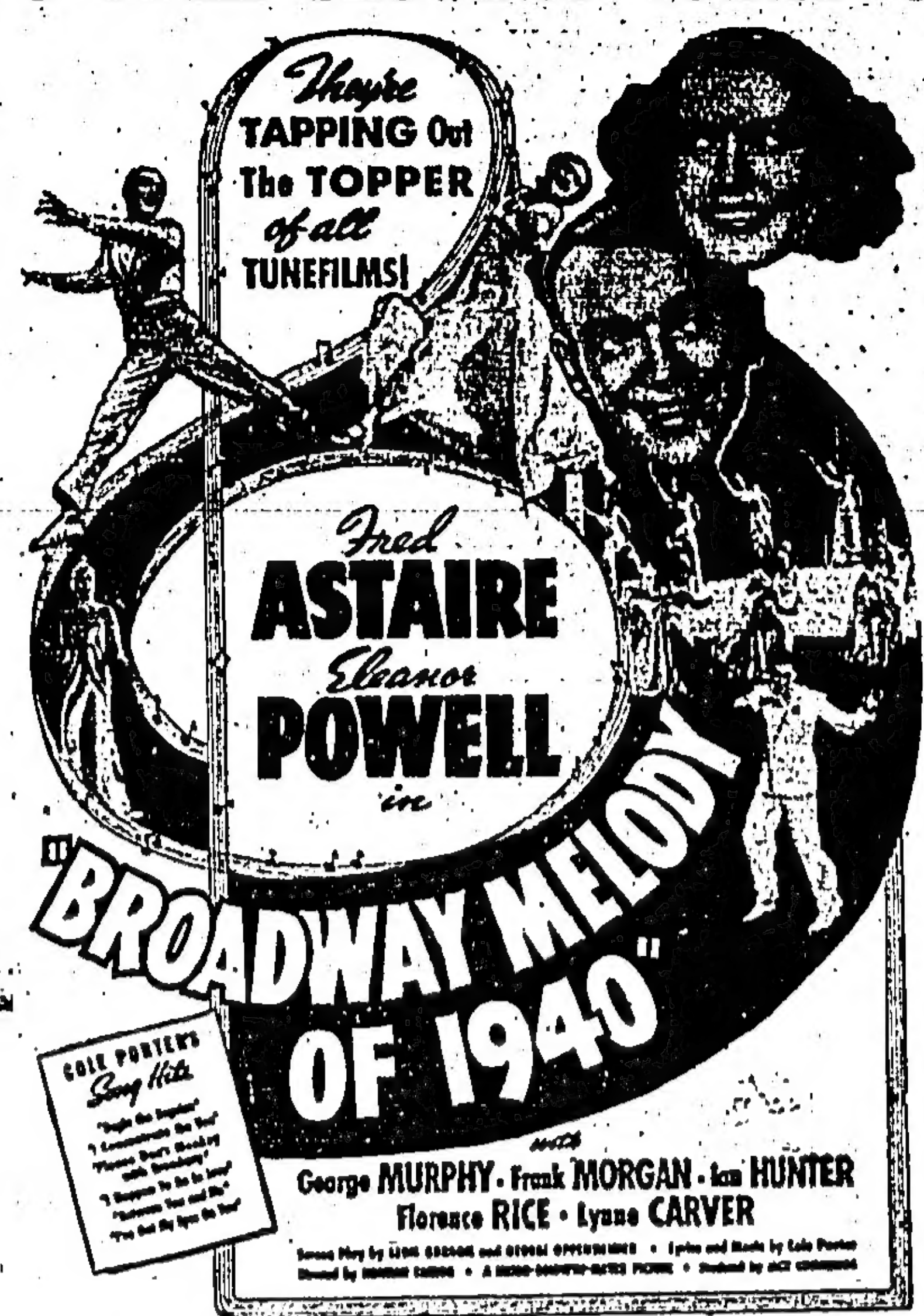
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